Basic Course Requirements for Human Development Majors for the 2009-2010 matriculation year
(Note: Check graduation summary to determine student’s matriculation year)

1. **Natural Sciences: 2 courses, 6-8 credits**
   Two courses in Natural Science are required. Both courses must include laboratories. HD requires that one course be an introductory Biology course with laboratory. HD strongly recommends that the second natural course be a Biology course. **Note:** A Biology course with laboratory appropriate for non-premeds is no longer offered at Cornell. If a student has not completed the Natural Science requirement during his or her first year at Cornell, it may be possible to switch to the 2010-2011 curriculum. Students must initiate this change themselves through the Human Ecology Registrar. Students must follow all requirements in the new curriculum; they may not mix requirements from different years.

2. **Social Sciences: 2 courses**
   Psychology 1101 is strongly recommended for HD majors. Any course (at any level) in Psychology, Government, Sociology, Development Sociology, Anthropology or Economics can be used to fulfill this requirement.
   **Notes:** Students often believe that they can only take introductory courses to fulfill this requirement. This is not the case. The introductory courses in the HD major are usually considered sufficient background for more advanced courses in Psychology and Sociology. **Courses cross-listed in HD may not be used to fulfill this requirement, except HD1840.**

3. **Written Communications:** 2 first year writing seminars must be completed during the first 2 semesters

4. **Humanities:** 1 course. Includes literature, history, philosophy, religion and archaeology. Critical, historical, and theoretical studies of arts and design are included. **Does NOT include language, creative, or the performing arts.**

5. **Quantitative & Analytical:** 4 credits of Introductory Statistics
   **Notes:** Courses approved for HD are AEM 2100, BTRY 3010, MATH 1710, PSYCH 3500, PAM 2100 and ILRST/STSCI 2100. SOC 3010 can be accepted for internal transfers from A&S. PAM 2101 is also accepted. **Statistics must be taken at Cornell. AP Statistics is not accepted by HD.** Please see Honors, below, for special instructions applying to HD honor students.

6. **Human Ecology Outside HD:** 9 credits
   Notes: Any course in CHE outside HD. May not include HE 1000, 1001, 2010, or any 4030 in the college. Maximum 3 credits of 4000, 4010, and 4020 may be used. 8 credits of Urban Semester, Capital Semester or Cornell in Washington may be applied to fulfill this requirement.

7. **Human Development Courses:** 30 didactic credits are required, all taken for letter grades (S/U not allowed)
   - First year: HD 1150 and 1170 are required (1160 is not required for sophomore or junior transfers). HD 1840 counts toward the social science requirement and does not count toward the required 30 HD credits.
   - Two 2000 level courses; the two must come from different areas: Cognitive -- HD 2200, HD 2300, HD 2380; Social & Personality -- HD 2600, HD 2610; Aging & Health -- HD 2180, HD 2510
   - Fulfill a concentration in one of 5 areas of the department (see curriculum sheet); a concentration consists of 3 courses including at least one 4000 level course in that concentration. **Students must self-declare the concentration during their junior years.**
   - Take 15 credits at the 3000 and 4000 level in HD (one course must be at the 4000 level in the declared concentration, not including special studies, see below)
   - Breadth requirement: one course in an area outside the declared concentration, not including the 2000 level courses listed above
   - Only one course designated as a LAB may be counted toward the 30 credits
   - No special studies (4000, 4010, 4020, 4030, 4998, 4999) count toward the 30 required credits in HD. These are counted as electives toward graduation. **Only 12 credits of special studies can be counted toward graduation.**

8. **Other and elective courses – to bring the total credits earned to a minimum of 120, exclusive of physical education**
   43 credits must be taken in the College of Human Ecology. These credits are counted across all categories of the graduation requirements. If other major and college requirements are met, up to 12 credits of special studies (4000, 4010, 4020, 4030, 4998, 4999) may be applied to the 43 CHE and 120 Cornell credits.

   The HD honors program is a two year program. Students should apply by October 15 of their junior year. Late applications are accepted with permission. Students should complete introductory basic statistics (see above) before applying to the honors program. A GPA of 3.5 is required for acceptance; students with lower GPAs may apply for provisional acceptance. Students in the honors program must complete an HD research methods course and a second, more advanced statistics class that focuses on multivariate statistics. Please see the web link above for specific course requirements.