The education studies and human relations major (ESHR) in the College of Education is a multidisciplinary program that enhances broad liberal arts and sciences education for students by providing strong academic preparation, including skills in critical thinking and interpersonal communication.

Students who plan to earn the major pursue their academic interests with a variety of courses from across the College of Education’s four academic departments to further career goals or prepare for future graduate study. They may choose to select among all the course offerings for the ESHR major or select one of two subprograms.

The education studies subprogram is for students interested in pursuing careers in education policy, assessment and evaluation, education programming and management, learning technologies, organizational learning, school district support roles, as well as competitive preparation for future graduate study in educational measurement, education policy, educational psychology, higher education, learning sciences, and student affairs.

The human relations subprogram is for students who are interested in careers in helping fields that rely on interpersonal communication and personal problem solving (e.g., addiction, case management), as well as competitive preparation for future graduate study in professional counseling, health service psychology, couple and family therapy, community leadership, and related fields.