

WSU Human Development: Dr. Laura Hill

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DR. LAURA HILL: Human Development is an interdisciplinary field. It draws from psychology, sociology, social work, anthropology, research methods. And students who graduate with a degree in human development often are employed in public or private social service agencies. So they might work for the government. They might work for the county for child protective services, juvenile justice, all kinds of careers.

Some students with human development degrees graduate and go on to graduate school. And then they'll do the kind of research that their faculty that they had when they were undergraduates do to help us try to understand better, what helps humans develop in the best possible way? What helps us all live up to our potential?

Human development students are the people who take care of other people. That's what draws them to the field. Those are the kinds of careers they're in or they're going into. And they take care of people in their home. They take care of people in their jobs. They take care of people walking down the street.

And getting an online education in human development is a way that they can take care of themselves, which is really important. Because otherwise you just are depleted. You don't have anything left to give. And all of us in the human development department understand that. That's who we are too.

And so we really are here to nurture the growth, and the compassion, and the work that our students do and want to do. We are here to take care of them as they're busy taking care of everybody else in their lives.

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