

CHILD DEVELOPMENT MINOR



The minor in Child Development through the Human Development and Family Studies program area is available to all students. This minor offers students a concentration of courses that provide a broad understanding of children and families within contemporary society. Students gain a greater understanding of a systems-based approach to the study of child development. A minor in Child Development can help strengthen students marketability in fields related to working with children.

Why choose to minor in Child Development?

Regardless of your major, a minor in Child Development will provide you with beneficial knowledge and skills, including:

- A solid foundation in typical and atypical development for children from ages birth to age 18 in the domains of physical, social, emotional and cognitive development
- A focus on the multi-directional and ecological dynamics that support child growth and development
- Organizational and administrative systems that support children in early learning environments (i.e., child care settings, family care and family support programs)
- Strategies for guiding and nurturing prosocial behavior in children
- Examining creativity as an influence to support child and family development
- Experiences working directly with children in early learning environments



Minor coursework

Required Courses (12 credits):

HDFS 2200: Infancy and Toddlerhood

HDFS 2210: Child Development

HDFS 2280: Pre-Adolescent & Adolescent

HDFS 2300: Creative Learning Environments

Choose three courses from the following (9 credits):

HDFS 3220: Child Development Practicum

HDFS 4200: Nurturing Positive Behavior

HDFS 4220: Cognitive Development of the Young Child

HDFS 4230: Organization for Programs for Young Children



To declare a minor in Childhood Development, request a MINOR REQUEST FORM from your college advising office.

An Childhood Development minor might be particularly useful to students majoring in:

- Human Development and Family Studies
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Social Work
- Sociology

Students majoring in these fields may find that a minor in child development will perfectly complement their studies. Having a deeper understanding of children in our society will only enhance the work you do in your field. A child development minor is open to all majors; students across campus are encouraged to think about how training in the area of child development will benefit them in their future careers.

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