

CHILD LIFE MINOR
School of Family and Consumer Sciences
College of Education and Human Development

Spring 2021 - current

21-23 CREDIT HOURS

The minor in child life is designed to support students who are pursuing a career as a child life specialist in healthcare and community settings (e.g., clinical hospital settings, court and foster care systems, trauma teams, and bereavement support services). Child life specialists help children and their families cope with the stress and ambiguity of acute and chronic illness, injury, trauma, disability, loss and bereavement. Specific aims of the minor are to educate students in child life theory and practice, child development principles, trauma-informed practice, medical terminology, and play activities that aid effective child coping. A family-centered approach is emphasized.

REQUIRED CREDIT HOURS

- _____ HDFS 2210: Child Development (3)*
- _____ HDFS 2280: Preadolescent and Adolescent Development in Family and Community (3)*
- _____ HDFS 3150: Introduction to Child Life (3)
- _____ HDFS 2300: Creative Learning Environments (3)
- _____ HDFS 4250: Trauma Informed Practice (3)
- _____ PHIL 2190: Death and Dying (3)
- _____ AHS 3010: Medical Terminology (2)
- _____ FCS 3890: Practicum (1-3)

*May be taken as an elective in the HDFS major to satisfy 3 of the 6 required credit hours in the development stage core of the HDFS major. HDFS majors must take two of the following four courses from the HDFS curriculum: HDFS 2200 (infant development), HDFS 2210 (child development), HDFS 2280 (adolescent development) and HDFS 2290 (adult development). HDFS 2210 and 2280 may be used to satisfy requirements of the HDFS major and child life minor.