

CHILDHOOD STUDIES MINOR

Requirements

Missouri Western State University offers an interdisciplinary minor in childhood studies. This minor is intended for those students who have child-related emphases in their major disciplines, such as juvenile delinquency, child psychology, or pediatrics or for those who simply wish to learn more about the subject of childhood. The minor will also provide a foundation of study for those students who intend to go on to professional or graduate school in order to study in child-related areas. This minor does not provide students with certification to teach in the state of Missouri.

Each student interested in this minor should discuss with his or her major academic advisor which courses best fit that student's discipline and concentration area as well as which general studies courses need to be chosen to satisfy prerequisites. Minor declaration forms shall be kept on file by the Director of Childhood Studies.

To insure that the minor is a truly interdisciplinary experience, at least three disciplines must be represented with no more than nine hours coming from any one discipline:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Minor Requirements		
Select eighteen credit hours from the following:		18
CRJ 110	Introduction to Juvenile Justice	
CRJ 440	Juvenile Law and Procedures	
EDU 313	Family, Community, and Schools: Partnering for Young Children ¹	
EDU 315	Psychology and Education of the Exceptional Child ²	
EDU 474	Collaborating with Families and School Personnel for Inclusion	
ENG 400	Literature for Adolescents	
ENG 403	Literature for Children	
LAT 370	Domestic Relations	
NUR 402	Maternal/Newborn Nursing	
NUR 403	Pediatric Nursing	
PED 392	Child Growth and Motor Development	
PSY 240	Life-Span Developmental Psychology ³	
	or PSY 319 Child/Adolescent Psychology	
PSY 470	Child Psychopathology and Exceptionalities ³	
SOC 330	The Family	
SWK 325	Family and Child Welfare	
THR 337	Theatre for Children and Youth	
Internship: Relevant field experience/practicum/ internship through any academic department ⁴		
Relevant Special Topics Course offered through any academic department ⁴		
Relevant Independent Study arranged with any full-time faculty member ⁴		
Total Credit Hours		18

- ¹ Declared childhood studies minors are exempt from EDU 300 Introduction to Early Childhood Education as a prerequisite for this course
- ² Declared childhood studies minors are exempt from EDU 303 Experience in Teaching II and EDU 304 Applied Methods and Management as prerequisites for this course.
- ³ Declared childhood studies minors are exempt from PSY 200 Intermediate Psychology as a prerequisite for this course.
- ⁴ May be repeated for credit. Only three credit hours of any one internship (including student teaching), special topics course, or independent study may be applied to the minor.

University Graduation Requirements

1. Have a valid and declared major on file (minors cannot be awarded in the same areas as the major, emphasis or concentration).
2. Earn a minimum of 3 credit hours beyond the major, emphasis, concentration and/or general studies requirements.
3. Earn a minor GPA of at least 2.0.