

CHILD DEVELOPMENT (BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, B.S.)

Overview

With the child development degree, students can explore various careers in working with infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary-grade children. The course work focuses on the biological and psychological progression of children, from their infancy stages through their early childhood years. With an increasing focus on the factors that impact the development of children, the study of child development prepares students for many professional roles focused on serving the needs of children and their families.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Studies		42
Students must complete General Studies courses (http://catalog.missouriwestern.edu/undergraduate/university-information/academic-standards-regulations/baccalaureate-degree/#bachelor-general-studies)		
Major Requirements		55
CRJ 110	Introduction to Juvenile Justice	3
EDU 150	Psychological Development for Children & Adolescents for Educators	3
EDU 300	Introduction to Early Childhood Education ¹	3
EDU 313	Family, Community, and Schools: Partnering for Young Children	3
EDU 314	Issues & Trends in the Education of Young Children and the Management of Programs for Young Children	3
EDU 315	Psychology and Education of the Exceptional Child ²	3
EDU 316	Organizing, Developing, and Managing Environments for Young Children	3
EDU 334	Play-Based Instruction ¹	3
EDU 344	Early Childhood Assessment ¹	3
EDU 348	Language Development for Educators ¹	3
EDU 374	Literacy Development in Early Childhood ³	3
EDU 379	Project Construct Coaching Practicum	1
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
PSY 240	Life-Span Developmental Psychology	3
PSY 319	Child/Adolescent Psychology	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 230	Social Problems	3
SOC 330	The Family	3
SWK 410	Family and Child Welfare	3

¹ EDU 202 Introduction to Education will be waived as a prerequisite for Child Development majors.

² EDU 202 Introduction to Education and EDU 203 Participation in Teaching I will be waived as a prerequisite for Child Development majors.

³ EDU 325 Introduction to Reading and Language Arts Methods will be waived as a prerequisite for Child Development majors.

Program Graduation Requirements

1. Earn a grade of C or higher in all major coursework.
2. Earn an overall GPA of at least 2.50.

University Graduation Requirements

1. Earn a minimum of 120 credit hours (100 level and higher, maximum of 6 CED credit hours applicable).
2. Earn a minimum of 30 credit hours in upper-division courses. Lower-division transfer courses accepted as meeting upper-division departmental course requirements cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.
3. Earn 30 of the last 45 credit hours at MWSU in institutional coursework (exclusive of credit by examination).
4. Participate in required departmental and campus wide assessments.
5. Fulfill the Missouri Constitution requirement.
6. Successfully pass the Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement exam.