

CHILDHOOD STUDIES MINOR

Banner Code: CHDS

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The interdisciplinary minor is designed for students who have a child-related focus in their major and for those who want to explore the topic of childhood. This minor focuses on the study of issues concerning children and their representations, including their experiences in society within historical and contemporary cultures and global contexts. The curriculum fosters thinking about childhood theory, research, policy and the practical applications of this knowledge to decisions regarding children and youth. The minor provides enough flexibility for students to choose relevant courses in keeping with their primary interests.

Faculty

Dunne, Garcia-Gomez, Garner (director), Shadur

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must earn a minimum grade of 2.00 in all courses applied to the minor. For policies governing all minors, see AP5.3.4 Minors (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4>).

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 16-17

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Three to four credits of		3-4
INTS 312	Images and Experiences of Childhood: Social Construct, Literature, and Film ¹	
INTS 316	Introduction to Childhood Studies (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	4
Total Credits		7-8

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A maximum of 4 credits may be applied to the minor.

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select three courses from the following:		
COMM 367	Children and Media	
CONF 392	Youth and Conflict	
CRIM 302	Delinquency and the Juvenile Justice System	
CRIM 406	Family Law and the Justice System	
ECED 201	Introduction to Early Childhood Education for Diverse Learners	
ECED 405	Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education	
EDSE 469	Individualized Supports and Specialized Care of Students with Severe Disabilities	
EDUC 302	Human Growth and Development	
EDUC 372	Human Development, Learning, and Teaching	
ELED 258	Children's Literature for Teaching in Diverse Settings (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ELED 443	Children, Family, Culture, and Schools, 4-12 Year Olds	
HDFS 301	The Hospitalized Child and Family	
INTS 319	Contemporary Youth Studies (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
INTS 321	Parent-Child Relations (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
INTS 344	Youth, Music, Social Change	
INTS 419	Youth Resistance and Advocacy	
PHED 360	Sport Based Youth Development	
PSYC 211	Lifespan Development (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
PSYC 313	Child Development	
PSYC 314	Adolescent Development	
PSYC 414	Behavior Disorders of Childhood	
SOCI 302	Sociology of Delinquency	
SOCI 309	Contemporary Families and Intimate Relationships	
SOCI 360	Youth Culture and Society (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
SOCW 415	Child and Family Welfare	
Total Credits		9