

CHILDHOOD STUDIES MINOR

Childhood Studies is a rising academic field of study that seeks to understand and respond to the complex, lived-experiences of children, within and across diverse sociocultural, political, economic and historical contexts, using multidisciplinary lenses. The CHS minor is available to all UVM students (excluding only Early Childhood Education majors) and compliments degrees across Colleges. The CHS minor will provoke students to consider critical questions regarding difference, power, privilege, and subjectivity, while also appreciating children as agents of culture.

In completing the CHS minor:

- Students will demonstrate a complex and competency-based view of childhood, including how children are influenced by culture and also function as social agents in their own right;
- Through readings, activities, assignments and field work, students will demonstrate increased awareness of and appreciation for how socially, culturally, and physically diverse backgrounds and experiences shape children’s lives;
- Students will develop knowledge and actionable skills in the areas of child development, social science, care, and education that is relational, inclusive, multidisciplinary, pluralistic, anti-bias, and anti-racist;
- Students will interrogate and advocate for children’s needs and rights in a final capstone experience, by pursuing a community-engaged action research project designed to benefit children.

REQUIREMENTS

18 total credits required.

Students must take 9 or more credits at the 2000-level or above.

Students may count one interdisciplinary elective toward their major requirements if allowable by the student's major.

EDEC 1070	Movie Night: Criticl Childhd	3
Developmental Course		
EDEC 1630	Child Development	3
or HDF 1050	Human Development	
or PSYS 2400	Developmental Psych: Childhood	
EDEC electives. Choose 1 to 2 courses below for a total of 3 to 6 credits:		3-6
EDEC 1010	Intr Early Care & Education	
EDEC 2130	Creative Arts and Movement	
EDEC 2510	Science of Everyday Life	
EDEC 3810	Inquiry-Based Pedagogy	
EDEC 3070	Advocacy in Action	3-6
Interdisciplinary electives. Choose 1 to 2 courses below for a total of 3 to 6 credits:		3-6

ANTH 1100	Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 1470	Parenting and Childhood	
CSD 1200	Intro to Disordered Comm	
CSD 1250	Comm Diff & Dis in Media	
CSD 1940	Dev of Spoken Language	
CSD 3200	Culture of Disability	
ECLD 2020	Bilingual Education & Policy	
ECLD 3040	Rlating/Rspnding To Cmnty Nds	
ECLD 3050	Fmly Schl & Cmty Collaboration	
ECSP 2100	Indiv Prac for Inclusion	
EDHE 2520	Race, Bullying & Discrim	
EDSP 3040	Rlating/Rspnding To Cmnty Nds	
EDSP 3230	Collab&Cmmunication in Sch&Com	
EDSP 3250	Culture of Disability	
EDSP 3899	Global Resilience Fam-Schl-Com	
GEOG 2772	Historical Geography	
HDF 1050	Human Development	
HDF 1600	Family Context of Development	
HDF 2010	The Helping Relationship	
CNSL 2010	The Helping Relationship	
HDF 2205	Dev through Relationships	
HDF 3630	Advanced Child Development	
PSYS 2400	Developmental Psych: Childhood	
PSYS 3520	Fit Kids: Special Populations	
PSYS 3450	Fit Kids Applied Research	
SOC 2220	Sociology of the Holocaust	
SOC 2460	Sociology of Disaster	
STAT 1050	Stat & Social Justice	