**Program Overview**

**The Undergraduate Major in Child Development**

Child Development is the study of the physical, socio-emotional, cultural, and cognitive growth and development of the child from conception through adolescence. The purpose of this major is to provide a sound academic program in Child Development and prepare students to work with children and families in both school and community settings.

**Learning Outcomes**

Although the primary goal of the program is to ensure mastery of academic content, the Child Development major also emphasizes the development of written communication skills and includes expectations that students will:

1. Master written proficiency on all work for child development courses.
2. Attend to the quality of the written components of assignments as well as to their content components.
3. Present logical arguments derived from a clearly stated thesis where the arguments should be based on thoughtful examination of concepts and research, with accurate reference to sources.
4. Complete written assignments according to the format and content specified by instructors’ instructions.
5. Follow the stylistic guidelines identified in *Elements of Style* and the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (APA).

**Choose from Five Concentrations**

In the Child Development major, students can choose from one of five concentrations:

- **EDCE - Early Development, Care, and Education** (for preschool teaching and administration);
- **Social and Community Settings** (for working in non-profit, legal, social work, or counseling settings);
- **Elementary Pre-credential** (to prepare for admission to a teaching credential program);
- **CHSM - Integrated Pre-credential Subject Matter** which prepares students for a teaching credential and for taking the CSET exam; or
- **Individualized Concentration**, which is for students who want to create their own focus of study.

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**Career Options**

Teacher, Preschool Teacher/Director, Before and After School Child Care, Children’s Mental Health, Children’s Protective Services, Juvenile Justice System, Park & Recreation Children’s Programs, Parent Education Instructor, Resource and Referral Coordinator, Family Resource Center Worker, Child Life Specialist, Social Work, Research Assistant, Private Non-Profit, Child Welfare Case Management.

**Requirements**

- 49-50 units
- Minimum for BA: 120
- Grade of C minus or higher in all courses in the major, including electives
Sample Courses

A. Required Foundation Courses
CHDV 30  3  Human Development
CHDV 35  3  Child and Adolescent Development
CHDV 123  3  Methods of Observation and Assessment in Child Development
CHDV 133  3  Research in Human Development
FACS 50  3  The Family and Social Issues

B. Sample Upper Division Courses (NOTE - vary by concentration; not a complete list)
ART 133  3  Elementary School Art Education
CHDV 131  3  Language Development
CHDV 132  3  Fieldwork in Child Development
CHDV 135  3  Crosscultural Child Development
CHDV 136  3  Developmental Experiences, Methods, and Curriculum
CHDV 137  3  Cognitive Development
CHDV 138  3  Social and Emotional Development
CHDV 154  3  Issues in Parenting
CHDV 155  3  Introduction to Counseling
CHDV 156  3  Power, Privilege, and Self Identity in Counseling
EDUC 100A/B  3  Educating Students with Disabilities in Inclusive Settings
EDUC 120  3  Literature for Children
EDUC 157  3  Child and Family Psychopathology
EDUC 170  3  Bilingual Education: Introduction to Educating English Learners
ENGL 116B  3  Children’s Literary Classics
ETHN 166  3  American Indigenous Families: Issues and Perspectives
ETHN 167  3  Asian American Families: Issues and Perspectives
ETHN 173  3  The Black Family in the US
FACS 50  3  The Family and Social Issues
HLSC 136  3  School Health Education
KINS 172  3  Movement Education
THEA 118  3  Children’s Theatre

C. Electives
Students are required to select an additional amount of coursework from the approved list of electives identified for their concentration. It is suggested that students work with a faculty advisor to select these courses.

Additional Programs

EDCE Program Through the College of Continuing Education
A Bachelor of Arts in Early Development, Care and Education is also offered through the College of Continuing Education for working professionals.

Minor
Child Development also offers two minors: one in Child Development and one in Child Development, Counseling.