

BA IN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT (EARLY DEVELOPMENT, CARE, AND EDUCATION)



SACRAMENTO STATE

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Type of Program:

Concentration

Program Change Type:

Non-Substantive

Delivery Format:Hybrid
Fully Online**What is the instructional modality of all courses in this program?**

Both

Title of the Program:

BA in Child and Adolescent Development (Early Development, Care, and Education)

Designation: (degree terminology)

Bachelor of Arts

Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification:

1. This program was significantly changed to match the new early education standards anticipated by the California accrediting body (CCTC). After implementation of our new program, the CCTC became more flexible with the undergraduate degree, and so we are responding by making our program more flexible for students. Currently, this concentration requires the CHAD core along with: CHAD 139, CHAD 134, and CHAD 23. We propose changing these 9 concentration-specific units to: a) requiring CHAD 157 (Infant/toddler care and development) because it is desired by many community partners and employers in the region; b) list CHAD 23 and CHAD 134 and CHAD 139 as options and students must choose two, c) with a restriction that of the 9 concentration-specific units, 6 must be taken at Sac State. This latter requirement creates parity in transferable units across our three concentrations and ensures that students have adequate upper division work in this area.
2. When we created three concentrations, we created three different lower division fieldwork classes. However, because many of our students are transfers and come in with this requirement met, we are not able to fill these differentiated lower division courses. We are requiring all students to take CHAD 35F to ensure students gain field experience without compromising program quality.
3. CHAD 191 was created to provide BA CHAD students an opportunity to complete student teaching supervised experiences; however, we do not have the resources to offer this course. This concentration has more units than our others, and so removing this course provides parity amongst concentrations and lessens the resource burden on our program.

University Learning Goals**Undergraduate Learning Goals:**

Competence in the disciplines
 Knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world
 Intellectual and practical skills
 Personal and social responsibility
 Integrative learning

Program Learning Outcomes**Program Learning Outcomes****Learning Outcome**

Core Program Learning Outcomes:

Goal 1: Knowledge in the Discipline

- 1.1 Identify and explain major theoretical and methodological perspectives used in developmental practices and research in a variety of contexts.
- 1.2 Identify and explain processes of physical, cognitive, language, social and emotional development in context from infancy to adulthood.
- 1.3 Apply theory and research to enhance understanding of individual variations in human development (e.g., cross cultural, biological and social influences).

Goal 2: Modes of Inquiry

- 2.1 Differentiate between qualitative and quantitative research frameworks in human development.
- 2.2 Identify valid information to augment discipline-based inquiry in human development.
- 2.3 Use technological tools and critical thinking in the location, analysis, application and evaluation of research, theory and issues in human development.
- 2.4 Explain principles of ethics used in research methodology in human development.
- 2.5 Apply principles of ethics in writing and communication processes.

Goal 3: Communication in the Discipline

- 3.1 Write and communicate using current American Psychological Association format and style.
- 3.2 Use appropriate, relevant and compelling evidence of human development to articulate ideas and present knowledge.

Goal 4: Civic and Cultural Knowledge and Competence

- 4.1 Explain culturally informed approaches to a variety of critical, cultural, and socio-political academic and applied contexts within the field of human development.
- 4.2 Collaborate with peers, faculty and/or community partners to engage in civil discourse, creative thinking and problem solving in academic and community settings.
- 4.3 Recognize culturally relevant civic and community issues to inform engagement, leadership, and responsible advocacy in developmental community-based learning experiences.
- 4.4 Use a theoretical framework of human development to apply and analyze responsibility and advocacy in professional and career contexts.
- 4.5 Distinguish how human behavior and development are culturally constructed and how this influences daily activities and choices with the developing person.

Goal 5: Professional and Career Knowledge and Behaviors

- 5.1 Identify professional, career and educational opportunities in the field of human development.
- 5.2 Apply knowledge of developmental concepts, theories, and research, through engagement in mediated field experiences.
- 5.3 Explain and critique personal positionality and how that influences individual, professional, and academic attitudes and behaviors.
- 5.4 Practice discipline-specific professional ethics and responsibility in academic and/or field experiences.

Additional Concentration-Specific Program Learning Outcomes:

- 1.4 Describe how to apply developmental principles in diverse educational learning environments for young children.
- 1.5 Discuss theoretical perspectives of observing, documenting, and assessing to support young children and their families.
- 1.6 Describe dual language development and literacy.
- 4.6 Explain and analyze historical and current early childhood education perspectives and philosophies
- 5.5 Use developmentally appropriate teaching and learning approaches to support young children and their families.
- 5.6 Identify culturally sustaining and strengths-based approaches that foster and support dual language learners and a home/school literacy partnership.

Learning Outcomes Display

Course Code	PLO 1	PLO 2	PLO 3	PLO 4	PLO 5	PLO 6
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Will this program be required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?

No

Do these changes impact the degree roadmap?

No

Catalog Description:

Units required for Major: 49

Total units required for BA: 120

Program Description

The Child and Adolescent Development concentration in Early Development, Care and Education seeks to prepare students to understand and apply developmental perspectives and engage in ethical and reflective practices working with young children from birth through 8 years of age and their families.

This concentration is appropriate for students interested in working with diverse groups of young children and families in early childhood settings including early care and preschool settings and/or as preparation for advanced degree and professional programs. Upon completion of the BA in Early Development, Care, and Education, graduates are eligible for the Child Development Teacher Permit and fulfills subject matter competency for teaching credential programs in PK-3rd grade and Special Education.

This concentration offers core curricula and fieldwork in early childhood development and pedagogy while highlighting family engagement in the context of family, culture, language, and society. Substantive training in language acquisition and literacy for early childhood Dual Language Learners and their families is embedded within the concentration. Students will be able to utilize developmental research, theory, and fieldwork in early childhood development settings to engage, support and improve their pedagogical practice working in early childhood settings.

Admission Requirements: Course prerequisites and other criteria for admission of students to the degree major program, and for their continuation in it.

A grade of "C-" or higher is required for all coursework in the Child and Adolescent Development major.

As defined by policy <http://www.csus.edu/umannual/acadaff/fsm00010.htm>, a change in units constitutes a substantive change to the program. If your changes constitute a substantive change, please refer back to the "Program Change Type" field above to ensure that "Substantive" is selected.

Program Requirements: (If new courses are being created as part of a new program, it will be useful to propose courses first.)

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Foundation Courses (10 Units)		
CHAD 101	Career and Major Exploration in Child and Adolescent Development	2
CHAD 123	Qualitative Methods in Human Development ¹	4
CHAD 133	Quantitative Methods in Human Development ¹	4
Required Core Courses (18 Units)		
CHAD 131	Language Development	3
CHAD 135	Culture and Human Development	3
CHAD 137	Cognitive Development	3
CHAD 138	Social and Emotional Development	3
CHAD 156	Child and Adolescent Development in Context	3
CHAD 190	Capstone in Child and Adolescent Development	3
Required education concentration courses (12 Units)		
CHAD 35	Child and Adolescent Development ²	3
CHAD 35F	Human Development and Elementary Field Experience	3
CHAD 150	Literacy Development for Monolingual and Multilingual Children	3
CHAD 136	Developmental Experiences, Methods and Curriculum	3
Required EDCE Concentration courses (maximum of 3 units transferable) (9 Units)		
CHAD 157	Infant and Toddler: Development and Care	3
<i>Choose 2 additional EDCE courses from the following, in consultation with advisor</i>		6
CHAD 23	Observation and Assessment in Child Development	
CHAD 134	Development of Young Children as Mathematical and Scientific Thinkers	
CHAD 139	Educational Play: Theory and Practice	
Total Units		49

¹ CHAD 123 and CHAD 133 are not recommended to be taken in the same semester.

² Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.

General Education Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Area A: Basic Subjects (9 Units)		
A1	Oral Communication	3
A2	Written Communication	3
A3	Critical Thinking	3
Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (7-13 Units)		
B1	Physical Science	3
B2	Life Forms	3
B3	Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5)	1
B4	Math Concepts ³	0 - 3
B5	Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. ⁴	0 - 3
Area C: Arts and Humanities (9-12 Units)		
C1	Arts	3

C2 - Humanities	3
C1/C2 - Area C Course	3
C1/C2 - Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. ⁴	0 - 3
Area D: The Individual and Society (6-9 Units)	
Area D Course	3
Area D Course	3
Area D Course ²	0
Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. ⁴	0 - 3
Area E: Understanding Personal Development	
Area E Course ²	0
Total Units	31-43

¹ To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

Note: There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email (advising@csus.edu).

² Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

³ Department offers students a "select from the following" option:
 • If student chooses to take STAT 1, they will meet Area B4.

⁴ Department offers students a "select from the following" option:
 • If student chooses to take CHAD 143, they will meet Area B5.
 • If student chooses to take CHAD 141 or EDUC 121, they will meet upper division Area C.
 • If student chooses to take ANTH 101, CHAD 145, EDUC 165, ETHN 100, or SWRK 102, they will meet upper division Area D.

Graduation Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (3-9 Units)		
American Institutions: U.S. History ²		0 - 3
American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government		3
Writing Intensive (WI) ³		0 - 3
Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (9 Units)		
English Composition II		3
Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE) ⁴		0
Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement ⁵		6

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² Department offers students a "select from the following" option:
 • If student chooses to take ANTH 101, they will meet the U.S. History graduation requirement.

³ Department offers students a "select from the following" option:
 • If student chooses to take CHAD 145, EDUC 121, EDUC 165, or ETHN 100, they will meet the Writing Intensive (WI) graduation requirement.

⁴ Required in Major; also satisfies Graduation Requirement.

⁵ If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html> (<https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>)

Fiscal Impact to Change an Existing Program

Indicate programmatic or fiscal impact which this change will have on other academic units' programs, and describe the consultation that has occurred with affected units:

None. We have not been offering CHAD 191 and other changes do not have fiscal impact.

Provide a fiscal analysis of the proposed changes:

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How will the above changes be accommodated within the department/College existing fiscal resources?

They will lessen the resources required to implement the program.

Will the proposed changes require additional resources?

No

What additional space, equipment, operating expenses, library, computer, or media resources, clerical/technical support, or other resources will be needed?

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Estimate the cost and indicate how these resource needs will be accommodated:

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