

CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS

The Child Development and Family Studies Program prepares students for professional work with young children between the ages of birth to six years. Additionally, students are prepared to work with families from diverse cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Upon graduation, students will have opportunities to pursue positions as childcare practitioners in child development centers, family learning centers, as teachers in private school settings, Early Head Start and Head Start Programs as well as parent educators in learning centers.

General education requirements for this major consist of coursework in liberal arts thus establishing a broad knowledge base prior to professional coursework. The professional sequence provides knowledge, skills and dispositions in child development, curriculum, and assessment of children from birth to six years of age. Professional courses also include effective ways to communicate and work with families of young children. After completion of the major coursework, students have a semester long internship in a child care or learning center to complete the program.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Courses		
<i>I. Communication</i>		
English:		
Select two of the following:		6
ENGL U101	Composition I	
ENGL U102	Composition II	
Speech:		
SPCH U201	Foundations in Oral Communication	3
<i>II. Mathematics, Logic & Natural Sciences</i>		
Mathematics:		
Select one of the following:		3
ECON U291	Probability and Statistics	
MATH U120	College Mathematics	
MATH U121	College Algebra	
MATH U231	Basic Concepts of Elementary Mathematics I	
Natural Science (w/ lab):		
Select one of the following:		4
ASTR U111 & U111L	Descriptive Astronomy and Descriptive Astronomy Laboratory	
BIOL U101 & U101L	Introductory Biology I and Introductory Biology I Lab	
BIOL U110 & U110L	General Biology and General Biology Lab	
BIOL U220 & U220L	Botany and Society and Botany and Society Laboratory	
CHEM U106 & U106L	Chemistry and Society and Chemistry and Society Lab	
CHEM U109 & U109L	Chemistry of Living Things and Chemistry of Living Things Lab	
CHEM U111 & U111L	General Chemistry and General Chemistry Lab	

CHEM U112 & U112L	General Chemistry and Qualitative Analysis and General Chemistry and Qualitative Analysis Lab	
GEOL U101 & U101L	Physical Geology and Physical Geology Lab	
GEOL U102 & U102L	Historical Geology and Historical Geology Lab	
GEOL U103 & U103L	Environmental Geology and Environmental Geology Lab	
PHYS U101 & U101L	Introduction to Physical Science and Introduction to Physical Science Laboratory	
Natural Science:		
Select one of the following:		3
BIOL U143 & U143L	Foundations of Human Physiology and Foundations of Human Physiology Laboratory	
BIOL U206	Genetics and Society	
BIOL U240	Human Biology and Society	
BIOL U260	Emerging Infectious Diseases	
BIOL U270	Environmental Science	
GEOL U104	Natural Disasters	
GEOL U120	Geology of the Southeast	
MATH U102	Elementary Statistics	
PSYC U225	Psychological Statistics	
<i>III. Information Technology</i>		
Information Technology:		
Select one of the following:		3
CSCI U138	Introduction to Computer Technology	
CSCI U150	Introduction to Computer Science	
DGST U101	Intro to Digital Studies	
INFO U101	Survey of Information Technology	
INFO U102	Introduction to Digital Safety	
LIBR U201	Strategies for Information Discovery	
MUSC U162	Intro to Music Technology	
<i>IV. Fine Arts, Humanities & History</i>		
Fine Arts:		
Select one of the following:		3
ARTH U101	Introduction to Art	
ARTH U105	History of Western Art: Prehistory - Middle Ages	
ARTH U106	History of Western Art: Renaissance - Modern	
MUSC U110	Introduction to Music	
MUSC U140	History of American Popular Music	
THEA U161	Introduction to Theatre Art	
THEA U170	Fundamentals in Acting	
History:		
Select one of the following:		3
HIST U101	Introduction to World History I	
HIST U102	Introduction to World History II	
HIST U105	History of the United States to 1877	
HIST U106	History of the United States from 1865	
Humanities:		
Select one of the following:		3
AFAM U204	African American Culture	
AMST U101	American Studies, 17th - 19th Century	

AMST U102	American Studies, 20th Century
ENGL U208	Introduction to Creative Writing
ENGL U279	Survey of American Literature I
PHIL U102	Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL U111	Political Philosophy
PHIL U211	Contemporary Moral Issues
RELG U103	Comparative Religion
SOST U201	Introduction to Southern Studies

V. Foreign Language & Culture

Foreign Language:

Select one of the following: ³ 3

ASLG U101	American Sign Language I
ASLG U102	American Sign Language II
FREN U101	Introductory French I
FREN U102	Introductory French II
GERM U101	Introductory German I
SPAN U101	Introductory Spanish I

VI. Social & Behavioral Sciences

Social & Behavioral Science:

Select two of the following: 6

ANTH U102	Understanding Other Cultures
CRJU U101	Introduction to Criminal Justice
ECON U221	Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON U222	Principles of Microeconomics
POLI U101	American National Government
PSYC U101	Introduction to Psychology
SOCY U101	Introduction to Sociology
SPCH U210	Interpersonal Communication
UNIV U201	Leadership Development I
WGST U101	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies

VII. General Ed. Electives

Select any approved general education course or courses (<https://academic-catalog.uscupstate.edu/academic-programs/general-education-courses/>) 3

Major Requirements ¹

EDCF U201	Introduction to Early Care and Education	3
EDCF U346	Introduction to Family Studies	3
EDCF U350	Development of the Young Child I	3
EDCF U352	Curriculum Methods and Standards I	4
EDCF U354	Exceptional Children and Early Intervention	3
EDCF U356	Family Interaction and Communication	3
EDCF U449	Mental Health and Play Therapy	3
EDCF U450	Development of the Young Child II	3
EDCF U452	Curriculum Methods and Standards II	4
EDCF U454	Guidance and Assessment Methods	3
EDCF U455	Legal and Ethical Issues in Early Care and Education	3
EDCF U456	Working with Parents in Diverse Settings	3
EDCF U458	Internship	12
EDEC U349	Creativity and Play	3
EDFO U210	Foundations of Education	3
EDFO U341	Introduction to Exceptional Learners/ Special Education	3

EDFO U333	Educational Development of the Lifelong Learner	3
ENGL U245	Business Writing	3
	or ENGL U371 Grant Writing	

Major Electives or Child Advocacy Studies ² 15-21

Child Development and Family Studies majors must select 15 credit hours of Option 1: Major Electives or Option 2: Child Advocacy Studies Minor (18-hour minimum)

Option 1 or Option 2 (p. 2)

Total Hours 123-129

¹ A minimum grade of 'C' is required for all courses.

² Students choosing the Child Advocacy Studies Minor must choose PSYC U101 Introduction to Psychology, SOCY U101 Introduction to Sociology, or CRJU U101 Introduction to Criminal Justice as one of the Social & Behavioral Science General Education courses to allow the Child Advocacy Studies Minor to reduce from 21 credit hours to 18 credit hours.

³ The minimum acceptable level of competency is completion of the 101 level of a language. Students who place into the 102 or higher level of a language satisfy the language requirement but will have additional hours in general education electives, if hours are required by their degree program.

Option 1: Major Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Select five of the following:		15
CAST U301	Introduction to Child Maltreatment	
CAST U401	System Responses to Child Maltreatment	
ENGL U245	Business Writing	
	or ENGL U371 Grant Writing	
PSYC U300	Topics in Psychology	
PSYC U303	Psychology of Learning and Memory	
PSYC U309	Psychology of Personality	
SOCY U310	Individual and Society	
SOCY U341	Sociology of Families	
Total Hours		15

Option 2: Child Advocacy Studies Minor ¹

Code	Title	Hours
Select one of the following:		3
PSYC U101	Introduction to Psychology	
SOCY U101	Introduction to Sociology	
CRJU U101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	
CAST U301	Introduction to Child Maltreatment	3
CAST U401	System Responses to Child Maltreatment	3
CAST U402	Prevention and Intervention Strategies	3
CAST U499	Child Advocacy Internship	3
Select two of the following:		6
PSYC U302	Developmental Psychology	
SOCY U341	Sociology of Families	
CRJU U325	Criminal Trial Practice	
CRJU U343	The Juvenile Justice System	
CRJU U350	Victimology	
CRJU U382	Women and Crime	

CRJU U384	Child Sexual Exploitation
Total Hours	21

¹ Final responsibility for satisfying degree requirements as outlined in the USC Upstate Academic Catalog rests with the student.