

CHILD & FAMILY STUDIES: CHILD DEVELOPMENT OPTION

Bachelor of Science (BS)

This is a guide based on the 2026-2027 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

81 Hour Major – No minor required

Required core courses:

- ___ CF102 Relationships in the 21st Century (3)
- ___ CF120 Foundations of Child Development (3)
- ___ CF209 Introduction to Family Theories (3)
- ___ CF220 Emerging Adulthood (3)
- ___ CF410 Culture, Ethnicity, and the Child (3)
- ___ CF430 Parent-Child Interactions (3)
- ___ CF520 Professional Ethics and Practice (3)
- ___ ED535 The Trauma Informed Professional (3)
- ___ FE200 Family Financial Management (3)

Child Development option:

- ___ CF124 Children’s Health, Safety, and Nutrition (3)
- ___ CF200 Constructive Guidance and Discipline (3)
- ___ CF215 Observation: Perception and Process (3)
- ___ CF233 Creative Thought and Expression in Children (3)
- ___ CF250 Family Child Care: Feasibility and Management (3)
- ___ CF280 Learning Theory and Application: Preschool (3)
- ___ CF285 Learning Theory and Application: Infant-Toddler (3)
- ___ CF306 History and Theory of Child Development (3)
- ___ CF310 School Age Child Care (3)
- ___ CF315 Administration of Programs for Children and Youth (3)
- ___ CF330 Middle Childhood and Youth Issues (3)
- ___ CF415 Legal Risks/Administrative Decision-making in Programs for Children and Youth (3)
- ___ CF470 Perspectives on Child Maltreatment & Advocacy (3)
- ___ CF480 Child Development Career Internship (3)
- ___ CF555 Responding to the Survivor of Child Abuse (3)
- ___ CF570 Professional & Systems Responses to Child Maltreatment (3)
- ___ EX390 Psychology and Education of Children with Exceptionalities (3)
- ___ LI243 Children’s Literature (3)

General Education Requirements – some requirements

may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	1	CF102	3
	EN100	3	CF200	3
	CF120	3	General Education	3
	CF124	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3		
	Total	16	Total	15
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				
SECOND YEAR	CF209	3	CF220	3
	CF215	3	CF285	3
	CF250	3	LI243	3
	CF280	3	General Education	4
	FE200	3	General Education	3
	Total	15	Total	16
	Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.			
THIRD YEAR	CF233	3	CF310	3
	CF306	3	CF410	3
	CF315	3	CF430	3
	CF330	3	CF470	3
	EX390	3	Elective	3
	Total	15	Total	15
	Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.			
FOURTH YEAR	CF415	3	CF480	3
	CF555	3	CF520	3
	ED535	3	CF570	3
	General Education	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	1
	Total	15	Total	13
	Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.			

A “Milestone” signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

*Summer courses are encouraged to avoid 18-hour semesters.

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BS degree.

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DEGREE MAP 2026-2027

