

Child and Family Science, Minor

DEPARTMENT

Department of Child and Family Science

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PREB in Pre-Child and Family Science
MN in Child and Family Science, Minor
BS in Child and Family Science - Family Science Option, B.S.
BS in Child and Family Science - Child Development Option, B.S.
Courses Offered

The Child and Family Science Department is dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and families through education, research, and service. The department offers two degree options toward this end: (1) Child Development and (2) Family Science.

The department is housed in the Family and Food Sciences (FFS) Building on the west side of campus. The department maintains laboratory facilities that support our academic programs. These include a child and family observation lab and two child care labs serving infants, toddlers, and preschool children, where students study child behavior and development under the supervision of faculty and laboratory teaching staff.

Bachelor of Science in Child and Family Science

Child Development Option. The Child Development program provides breadth and depth in the scientific study of child development, along with practical applications in disciplines that require direct interaction with children. It provides an excellent foundation for careers in child care, program administration, or work in health settings and other human services with children. It prepares students for post-graduate work toward a teaching credential, school psychology, or social work.

Family Science Option. The Family Science program focuses on the scientific study of the family relationship context of child and adult development. Courses correspond with suggested content areas outlined by the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), including internal dynamics of families, interpersonal relationships, human growth and development, families in society, parent education, family resource management, family law and public policy, and family life education. Graduates pursue opportunities in family life education (e.g., parenting education and relationship enrichment), military family support, and child and family service agencies. It provides an excellent foundation for graduate training in family therapy.

REQUIREMENTS

Child and Family Science Minor Requirements

A Minor in Child and Family Science consists of 21 units, of which 12 must be upper-division. The minor program must include CFS 31, 39, and 153. The remaining coursework for the minor will be determined in consultation with an adviser, and must be certified by the student's CFS adviser and the department chair. The certified minor program is filed with the university's Degree Advising Office once all minor coursework is completed. Some CFS courses (CFS 37, 130W, 139, 140, 145A, 145B, 193) are restricted to majors and not open to minors. Students must formally add the CFS Minor before being allowed to enroll in upper-division restricted classes. Students are required to earn a grade of C or better in all minor courses.

FACULTY

CFS faculty members are highly qualified professionals with advanced degrees from universities across the nation. They bring practical insights and experience to the classroom, resulting from a wide variety of professional activities, research, publications, community service, and consulting.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.

The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.