

CHILDHOOD STUDIES

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The Minor Program in Childhood Studies (18 credits)

Christopher Newport University offers a multi-disciplinary minor in childhood studies for undergraduates. The program is designed to meet the following student goals:

1. Provide a body of knowledge about children and adolescents combined with skills obtained from the student's major discipline to prepare for careers in social work, counseling, administrative positions in community programs for children and adolescents, juvenile justice programs, and others.
2. To serve as a minor for the student who has no career goals in the field but has an interest in the study of childhood. Any of the courses may be taken without commitment to the entire program.

Program Requirements:

Students should seek advising from the Director of the Childhood Studies program in choosing the courses for the minor.

1. A minimum of 18 credits as listed below are required to complete the minor.
2. Core requirements: BIOL 262; PSYC 208; SOCL 304; ENGL 314W or 315.
3. Select two courses (6 credits) from the approved elective list. The courses must be from different disciplines.
4. Subject to the approval of the Childhood Studies Director, GOVT 491; PSYC 491; SOCL 491; and BUSN 480 may apply if they deal directly with children.
5. Occasional special topics courses (295, 395, 495) from BUSN, GOVT, PSYC, SOWK, as well as new courses may be credited toward the minor if they have the approval of the Director.

THE CURRICULUM IN CHILDHOOD STUDIES

The following course descriptions appear in appropriate sections throughout the catalog.

Core

BIOL 262	Child Biology
ENGL 314W	WI:Children's Literature
ENGL 315	Adolescent Literature
PSYC 208	Child Development
SOCL 304	Socialization and Society

Electives

PSYC 207	Life-Span Development
PSYC 309	Adolescent Development
PSYC 310W	WI:Research in Child Behavior
PSYC 312	Educational Psychology
PSYC 327	Theories and Principles of Child Development
PSYC 428	Cognitive Development
SOCL 303	The Family in Transition
SOCL 314	Education, Culture and Society
SOWK 369	Child and Family Welfare