

# CHILDHOOD STUDIES MINOR

**Banner Code:** CHDS

## Academic Advising

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The interdisciplinary minor is designed for students who have a child-related focus in their major and for those who want to explore the topic of childhood. This minor focuses on the study of issues concerning children and their representations, including their experiences in society within historical and contemporary cultures and global contexts. The curriculum fosters thinking about childhood theory, research, policy and the practical applications of this knowledge to decisions regarding children and youth. The minor provides enough flexibility for students to choose relevant courses in keeping with their primary interests.

## Faculty

Dunne, Garner (director), Gorski

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must earn a minimum grade of 2.00 in all courses applied to the minor. For policies governing all minors, see AP5.3.4 Minors.

## Requirements

### Minor Requirements

Total credits: 16

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

### Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Three to four credits of		3-4
INTS 312	Images and Experiences of Childhood: Social Construct, Literature, and Film <sup>1</sup>	
INTS 316	Introduction to Childhood Studies (Mason Core)	4
Total Credits		7-8

<sup>1</sup> A maximum of 4 credits may be applied to the minor.

### Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select three courses from the following:		9
ANTH 315	Socialization Processes: Family, Childhood, Personality in Cross-Cultural Perspective	

CRIM 302	Delinquency
CRIM 406	Family Law and the Justice System
EDUC 302	Human Growth and Development
EDUC 372	Human Development, Learning, and Teaching (Mason Core)
INTS 319	Contemporary Youth Studies (Mason Core)
INTS 321	Parent-Child Relations (Mason Core)
PSYC 211	Developmental Psychology (Mason Core)
PSYC 313	Child Development
PSYC 314	Adolescent Development
PSYC 414	Behavior Disorders of Childhood
SOCI 302	Sociology of Delinquency
SOCI 309	Marriage, Families, and Intimate Life
SOCI 360	Youth Culture and Society
SOCW 415	Child and Family Welfare

Total Credits 9