Twin Cities Campus

Youth Studies B.S.

School of Social Work

College of Education and Human Development

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2020
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 60 to 63
- Degree: Bachelor of Science

Youth studies is an interdisciplinary program that prepares students for practice and scholarship. Faculty conduct community-based action research and evaluation on youth issues, programs, policies, and services. The major emphasizes civic engagement for young people marginalized in their communities.

Coursework focuses on everyday lives of young people, working with urban, marginalized, and other youth populations, and international and global perspectives and youth civic engagement.

Youth studies courses move students into the community through regular site visits, program observations, service-learning placements, international exchanges, and internships. Students are supported by culturally competent academic advising and one-on-one student-elder partnerships with faculty, staff, or community leaders. Qualified graduates may pursue graduate study in social work, education, or public policy.

Program requirements for the majors at the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) fulfill a number of the University's required liberal education (LE) cores and themes. Students have multiple options for fulfilling remaining LE requirements.

The courses listed below fulfill the remaining youth studies BS LE requirements, and are designed explicitly to align with CEHD's mission by providing foundational skill development and preparation for advanced coursework in youth studies. Courses include: YOST 1366, YOST 1368W, FSOS 1211, CI 1032, CI 1121, EPSY 1261, EPSY 1281, and EDHD 1525W.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the Office of Admissions website.

Required prerequisites

First Year Experience

All in-coming CEHD Freshmen must complete the Firs-Year Inquiry course EDHD 1525W.

Take 0 - 4 credit(s) from the following:

- EDHD 1525W - CEHD First Year Experience [WI] (4.0 cr)

General Requirements

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements including writing and liberal education courses. For more information about University-wide requirements, see the liberal education requirements.Required courses for the major or minor in which a student receives a D grade (with or without plus or minus) do not count toward the major or minor (including transfer courses).

Program Requirements

At least 19 upper-division credits in the major must be taken at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus.

Preparatory Courses

YOST 1001 - Seeing Youth, Thinking Youth: Media, Popular Media, and Scholarship [CIV] (3.0 cr)

Sociology Requirement

FSOS 1211 - An Interdisciplinary Look at the Family in Multicultural America [DSJ, SOCS] (4.0 cr)

or SOC 1001 - Introduction to Sociology [SOCS, DSJ] (4.0 cr)

Statistics Requirement

EPSY 3264 - Basic and Applied Statistics [MATH] (3.0 cr)

or EPSY 1261 - Understanding Data Stories through Visualization & Computing [MATH] (3.0 cr)

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or STAT 1001 - Introduction to the Ideas of Statistics [MATH] (4.0 cr)

Social Science Requirement

EPSY 1281 - Psychological Science Applied [SOCS] (4.0 cr)
or CPSY 2xxx
or POL 1xxx
or FSOS 1xxx
or GEOG 1301W - Our Globalizing World [SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
or PSY 1001 - Introduction to Psychology [SOCS] (4.0 cr)
or ANTH 1003W - Understanding Cultures [SOCS, GP, WI] (4.0 cr)
or ANTH 1003V - Understanding Cultures: Honors [SOCS, GP, WI] (4.0 cr)

College Communication Courses

FSOS 1461 - Presentations at Work: Families, Communities, Nonprofits, and Schools [CIV] (3.0 cr)
or COMM 1101 - Introduction to Public Speaking [CIV] (3.0 cr)
or OLPD 1461 - Presentations in Work Settings: Business & Marketing Education and Human Resource Development [CIV] (3.0 cr)
YOST 3325W - Project-Based Writing For Education and Human Development Majors [WI] (4.0 cr)
or OLPD 3324W - Writing in the Workplace for Education and Human Development Majors [WI] (4.0 cr)
or ENGL 3027W - The Essay [WI] (4.0 cr)
or WRIT 3562W - Technical and Professional Writing [WI] (4.0 cr)

Foundation Courses

YOST 2101 - Urban Youth and Youth Issues [DSJ] (4.0 cr)
YOST 2241 - Experiential Learning (4.0 cr)
YOST 3001 - Introduction to History & Philosophy of Youthwork [HIS, DSJ] (4.0 cr)
YOST 3032 - Adolescent and Youth Development for Youthworkers (4.0 cr)
YOST 3101 - Youthwork: Orientations and Approaches (4.0 cr)
YOST 4325 - Improving Everyday Youthwork: Practical Program Evaluation (3.0 cr)
or FSOS 2105 - Methods in Family Research (3.0 cr)
or SOC 3801 - Sociological Research Methods (4.0 cr)

Professional Core

Take 9 credits from the following professional core:
** YOST 3011 (3 cr) can also be applied as part of your Professional Core **
These courses are offered at the graduate level, but are not approved for the major:
YOST 5011, 5240, 5301, 5314, 5315, 5316, 5317, 5319, 5321, 5322, 5323, 5401, 5402.
YOST 3031 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
or YOST 3235 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)
or YOST 3240 - Special Topics in Youth Studies (2.0 - 8.0 cr)
or YOST 4301 - Communicating With Adolescents About Sexuality (3.0 cr)
or YOST 4314 - Theater Activities in Youthwork and Education (2.0 cr)
or YOST 4315 - Youthwork in Schools (4.0 cr)
or YOST 4316 - Media and Youth: Learning, Teaching, and Doing (2.0 cr)
or YOST 4317 - Youthwork in Contested Spaces (3.0 cr)
or YOST 4319 - Understanding Youth Subcultures (3.0 cr)
or YOST 4321 - Conversational and Relational Practices with Young People (3.0 cr)
or YOST 4322 - Work with Youth: Families (2.0 cr)
or YOST 4323 *{Inactive}*(2.0 cr)
or YOST 4401W - Young People's Spirituality and Youthwork: An Introduction [WI] (4.0 cr)
or YOST 4402 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)
or YOST 3011 - Young Voices: The Fight for Social Change in Croatia [GP] (3.0 cr)

Advanced/Applied Skills

8 credits minimum, to be completed during final year of study.
YOST 4196 - Youthwork Internship (4.0 cr)
YOST 4411 - Youth Research and Youth Program Evaluation (4.0 cr)

Upper Division Writing Intensive within the Major

Students are required to take one upper division writing intensive course within the major. If that requirement has not been satisfied within the core major requirements, students must choose one course from the following list. Some of these courses may also fulfill other major requirements.
Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:
•YOST 3325W - Project-Based Writing For Education and Human Development Majors [WI] (4.0 cr)
•YOST 4401W - Young People's Spirituality and Youthwork: An Introduction [WI] (4.0 cr)
•OLPD 3324W - Writing in the Workplace for Education and Human Development Majors [WI] (4.0 cr)
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