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Developmental Psychology Minor

CLA Dean's Office

College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Undergraduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2022
- Required credits in this minor: 16

Developmental psychology (formerly child psychology) studies behavioral development across the lifespan. Complete coursework in topic areas including social and emotional development, cognitive development, language development, emotional and behavioral disorders, and biological development. Supplement your major by gaining expertise in child development, and prepare for graduate study or a meaningful career in a field that impacts the lives of children, youth, and families. The Institute of Child Development offers a bachelor of arts (BA), a bachelor of science (BS), and a minor in developmental psychology through the College of Liberal Arts (CLA).

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

Introduction to Child Psychology

This requirement may be in progress in order to declare the minor.
Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 4 credit(s) from the following:
- CPSY 2301 - Introduction to Developmental Psychology [SOCS] (4.0 cr)
  or CPSY 3301 - Introduction to Developmental Psychology [SOCS] (4.0 cr)
  or CPSY 3301H - Honors Introduction to Developmental Psychology [SOCS] (4.0 cr)

Minor Requirements

Students may earn no more than one undergraduate degree in Developmental Psychology: a BA, a BS, or a minor. Students may combine the Developmental Psychology minor with the BA or the BS in Psychology.

Core Course

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 3 credit(s) from the following:

Social Development

Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:
- CPSY 4331 - Social and Personality Development (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 4336 - Development and Interpersonal Relationships (3.0 cr)

Cognitive Development

Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:
- CPSY 4341 - Perceptual Development (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 4343 - Cognitive Development (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 4345 - Language Development and Communication (3.0 cr)

Biological Development

Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:
- CPSY 4329 - Biological Foundations of Development (3.0 cr)

Electives

No single course may count twice in the minor.
Take 9 or more credit(s) from the following:
- CPSY 1301 - Nature-Based Learning in Early Childhood (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 1334 - Global Issues on Children and Youth in Society [CIV] (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 2310 *{Inactive}*(1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- CPSY 3308W - Introduction to Research Methods in Child Psychology [WI] (4.0 cr)
- CPSY 3401 - Children, Youth, and Media (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 3601 - Introduction to Child Life Theory and Practice (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 4302 - Infant Development (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 4303 - Adolescent Psychology (3.0 cr)

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- CPSY 4310 - Special Topics in Developmental Psychology (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- CPSY 4311 - Behavioral and Emotional Problems of Children (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 4313W - Disabilities and Development [WI] (4.0 cr)
- CPSY 4314 - Trauma-Informed Care Practices in Early Childhood (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 4315 - Practicum in Early Childhood Trauma-Informed Care (2.0 cr)
- CPSY 4329 - Biological Foundations of Development (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 4331 - Social and Personality Development (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 4336 - Development and Interpersonal Relationships (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 4341 - Perceptual Development (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 4343 - Cognitive Development (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 4345 - Language Development and Communication (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 5241 - Field Experience in Early Childhood Education (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 5252 - Facilitating Social and Emotional Learning in Early Childhood Education (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 5253 - Facilitating Cognitive and Language Learning in Early Childhood Education (3.0 cr)
- CPSY 5254 - Facilitating Creative and Motor Learning in Early Childhood Education (2.0 cr)
- CPSY 5261 - Early Learning in Infancy and Toddlerhood (3.0 cr)
- **Experiential Electives**

  If selected as an elective, take no more than 3 credits combined from either of the following courses.
  Take 0 - 3 credit(s) from the following:
  - CPSY 3896 - Internship in Child Psychology (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
  - CPSY 4994 - Directed Research in Developmental Psychology (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

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