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 Spring 2014
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 62 to 63
- N/A
- 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/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 Develop fulfill a number of the University's required Liberal Education cores and themes. Students have multiple options for fulfilling remaining LE requirements.

The courses listed below fulfill the remaining Youth Studies B.S. 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: PsTL 1112, PsTL 1131, PsTL 1135, PsTL 1163, PsTL 1231, PsTL 1251, PsTL 1312, PsTL 1365W, PsTL 1366, PsTL 1367W, and PsTL 1368.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

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

Admission Requirements

Students must complete 4 courses before admission to the program.

Freshman and transfer students students are usually admitted to pre-major status before admission to this major

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

Required prerequisites
Youth Studies: Preparatory Requirements
YOST requirement
YOST 1001 - Seeing Youth, Thinking Youth: Media, Popular Media, and Scholarship [CIV] (3.0 cr)
Sociology requirement
PSTL 1211 - Sociological Perspectives: A Multicultural America [SOCS, DSJ] (4.0 cr)
or SOC 1001 - Introduction to Sociology [SOCS, DSJ] (4.0 cr)
Statistics requirement
PSTL 1004 *{Inactive}*[MATH] (4.0 cr)
or STAT 1001 - Introduction to the Ideas of Statistics [MATH] (4.0 cr)
or EPSY 3264 - Basic and Applied Statistics [MATH] (3.0 cr)
Social science requirement
CPSY 2xxx
or POL 1xxx
or FSOS 1xxx
or GEOG 1301W - Our Globalizing World [SOCS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
or psychology
PSTL 1281 *{Inactive}*[SOCS] (4.0 cr)
or PSY 1001 - Introduction to Psychology [SOCS] (4.0 cr)

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or anthropology
ANTH 1003W - Understanding Cultures [SOCS, GP, WI] (4.0 cr)
or ANTH 1005W *{Inactive}*[SOCS, GP, 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

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)

College Communication Courses

COMM 1101 - Introduction to Public Speaking [CIV] (3.0 cr)
or PSTL 1461 *{Inactive}*[CIV] (3.0 cr)
OLPD 3324W - Writing in the Workplace for Education and Human Development Majors [WI] (4.0 cr)
or YOST 3325W - Project-Based Writing 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)

Professional Core

Take 9 credits from the following Professional Core:
YOST 3031 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
or YOST 3234 *{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 4403 *{Inactive}*(4.0 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)

Program Sub-plans

A sub-plan is not required for this program.

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