

# CHILD AND FAMILY POLICY STUDIES MINOR

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## Description

The interdisciplinary minor in Child and Family Policy Studies provides undergraduate students an opportunity to focus their academic work on issues related to the development, delivery, and assessment of child and family, and social policies and programs. The minor is designed to engage students from different disciplines in collaborative learning around issues of advocacy, service delivery, and development of evidence-based public programs and policies. Students will find the minor useful if they are seeking a career working with children and families on developing or evaluating programs and policies or considering a graduate program in a related area.

## Admission

The minor in Child and Family Policy Studies is available to all University students with a Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above on a space-available basis. To be admitted to the program, students must submit a Declaration of Minor form to their academic advisor, the undergraduate program director of Human Development and Family Science, and their home college dean's office.

## Student Learning Outcomes

Students will gain understanding of public policy and child and family issues, and apply their understanding of healthy development to public policies and government programming.

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

1. Explain principles of human development in families from diverse populations.
2. Analyze how research and theories are utilized in the field of child and family policy across diverse settings.
3. Critically evaluate service delivery and child and family practices across settings.
4. Assess public policy and child and family related issues.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Core Courses</b>		
PST 101	An Introduction to the Analysis of Public Policy	3
HFS 201	Family Development	3
or HFS 202	Development of Children	
<b>Electives</b>		
Select two of the following:		6
HFS 335	Issues and Perspectives in Early Childhood Education	
HFS 395	Risk, Resilience, and Intervention	
HFS 422	Work and Family in the 21st Century	

HFS 479	Power, Conflict, Violence, and the Family	
Select two of the following:		6
PHP 403	Public Health Policy	
PST 410	Practicum in Public Policy	
PST 431	Criminal Justice System	
PST 451	Environmental Policy	
SWK 314	Social Welfare Policy and Services I	
SWK 315	Social Welfare Policy and Services II	
SWK 458	Practice and Policy in Adult Corrections	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>18</b>

## Restrictions

This minor is open to all HDFS Majors and Non-Majors.

## Note

No more than 9 credits from a single department can count towards the minor.