Child and Family Development B.S. (Concentration in Child Development)

Degree Requirements: 124 Credit Hours

See Core Curriculum for required courses in Area A1 through Area E.

Credit Hours

General Requirements (Core Areas A - E) 42
Additional Requirements 4
Area F - Course Appropriate to Major 18
  CHFD 1131 Introduction to Family Science
  CHFD 2130 Family Economic Environment
  CHFD 2135 Child Development
  CHFD 2136 Intro to Family Services
  CISM 1110 Computer Applications & CISM 1120 and Computer Concepts
  or COMM 1110 Public Speaking
  PSYC 1101 Introduction to Psychology or SOCI 1101 Introduction to Sociology

Major Requirements

Child and Family Development Core 27-30
  CHFD 3131 Birth to 5 Methods
  CHFD 3133 Diversity in Human Development
  CHFD 3135 Youth Development
  CHFD 3136 Adult Development and Later Life
  CHFD 3139 Parent Education and Guidance
  CHFD 4138 Professional Development
  CHFD 4790 Internship in Child and Family Development

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  CHFD 3234 Young Children with Special Needs
  or CHFD 4237 Introduction to Child Life
  or CHFD 4237 Legal and Public Policies Affecting Families
  CHFD 4130 Administration of Programs for Children and Youth
  CHFD 4131 Teaching Preschool
  CHFD 4136 Assessment of Children
  Select nine credit hours from the following Guided Electives:
  CHFD 2137 Lifespan Development
  CHFD 3130 Research Methods
  CHFD 3232 Sexuality in Human Development
  CHFD 4134 Family Life Education
  CHFD 4090 Selected Topics in Child and Family Development
  CHFD 4899 Directed Individual Study
  RECR 2131 Introduction to Recreational Therapy
  RECR 4135 Intervention Techniques in Recreational Therapy

Foreign Language Requirement or “Significant International Content” course
Select one Foreign Language Requirement or “Significant International Content” course 3

Elective 3-6

Total Credit Hours 124

Program Admission Criteria

• Admission to Georgia Southern University
• A total institution GPA of 2.0 or better on all course work attempted (transfer course work and work completed at Georgia Southern University are considered)
• Completed a minimum of 30 credit hours
• A minimum grade of “C” in all Area F course work attempted
• Completion of criminal background check and finger printing procedure.

Program Progression Requirements

• Students must earn a minimum grade of “C” in all courses in Area F, the Child and Family Development Core, the selected concentration area, and guided major electives.
• Students must also earn a minimum grade of “C” in a prerequisite course prior to registering for an advanced course.
• Students must have a 2.5 total institution GPA the semester prior to applying for the . Students who do not meet the 2.5 GPA requirements will complete nine to twelve (9-12) credit hours of approved course work as substitute for the internship.

Honors in Child and Family Development

To graduate with Honors in Child and Family Development, a student must

• be admitted to the University Honors Program;
• successfully complete at least three credits of Honors Research Seminar (HONS 4610) over three semesters;
• successfully complete and present an Honors Thesis or Capstone Project;
• be in good standing in the University Honors Program at the time of graduation.

Advisement

Contact the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Student Services Center for information regarding admission and advisement.