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

## Degree Requirements: 124 Credit Hours

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

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**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

**Family Services Concentration**  
24  
**CHFD 3232** Sexuality in Human Development  
**CHFD 4132** Death and Bereavement across the Lifespan  
**CHFD 4133** Programming and Evaluation for Family Services  
**CHFD 4134** Family Life Education  
**CHFD 4237** Legal and Public Policies Affecting Families

Select nine credit hours from the following Guided Electives:

| CHFD 3130 | Research Methods  
| CHFD 3137 | Introduction to Child Life  
| CHFD 3234 | Young Children with Special Needs  
| CHFD 3235 | Therapeutic Benefits of Play in Child Life  
| CHFD 4090 | Selected Topics in Child and Family Development  
| CHFD 4130 | Administration of Programs for Children and Youth  
| CHFD 4136 | Assessment of Children  
| CHFD 4150 | Families, Schools, and Community Partnerships  
| CHFD 4899 | Directed Individual Study  
| CRJU 3535 | Family Violence  
| PSYC 3101 | Abnormal Psychology  
| SOCI 4138 | Sociology of the Family  
| SOCI 4231 | Child Welfare and Family Services  
| SOCI 4232 | Social Welfare Policy and Services  
| SOCI 4236 | Social Services Counseling Skills

**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  
- Satisfactory completion of a Department of Early Care and Learning comprehensive criminal background check and finger printing prior to taking CHFD 3131.

## 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 total institutional GPA of 2.5 or better, and completed all core curriculum and major degree requirements, earning a grade of “C” in all courses in Area F and within the major requirements, including within their concentration prior to interning. 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.