

# CHILD PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

## Psychology, B.A.

The Child Psychology program is designed for those students primarily interested in working with children, whatever the age: infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school-age, or adolescents. All aspects of development are studied, including physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and moral. As the family plays a key role in a child's development, students will explore the areas of parenting and family dynamics. In addition, the powerful impact of the educational system is addressed. During the required senior internship, students will experience working with children at a selected field site specific to their interests. Career paths include Developmental Specialist for Early Intervention Programs; Family Support Specialist; Caseworker, Behavior Technician, Therapeutic Mentor; Youth Development, and programs for youth, residential services and education.

Degree requirements for the Child Psychology major are as follows:

Code	Title	Hours
<i>University Core</i>		
Behavioral/Social Science Electives		6
BUS 204	Financial Wellness	1
ENG 114	Critical Reading and Response	3
ENG 134	Literary Genres	3
Humanities Electives		9
MAT 120	Statistics	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology I	3
Science Electives (lab required)		7
WEL 100	Empowered as Learners and Leaders	3
or WEL 220	Empowered as Learners and Leaders	
WEL 350	Strategies for Career and Personal Growth	2
<i>Major Requirements</i>		
400-level Psychology Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
Applied Psychology Elective <sup>2</sup>		3
Developmental Psychology Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Education Elective <sup>4</sup>		3
ENG 124	Research and Writing in the Disciplines	3
Experiential Electives <sup>5</sup>		6
PSY 216	Psychology of Cultural Diversity	3
PSY 240	Psychopathology	3
PSY 250	Behavioral Research Methods	3
or INT 250	Research Methods in the Social Sciences	
PSY 300	Childhood Psychopathology	3
PSY 321	Theories of Personality	3
PSY 340	Physiological Psychology	3
PSY 370	Social Psychology	3
PSY 380	Interviewing and Counseling	3
PSY 425	Parenting	3
<i>General Electives</i>		
General Electives		32
<b>Total Credits Required</b>		<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students must choose one course from the following list: PSY 405 Counseling Diverse Populations, PSY 406 Counseling Ethics and Professional Development, PSY 415 Suicide: Assessment

- and Treatment, PSY 430 Clinical Psychology, PSY 432 Cognitive Psychology, PSY 438 Community Youth Development.
- <sup>2</sup> Students must choose one course from the following list: PSY 210 Sport Based Youth Development, PSY 224 Effective Youth Development and Mentoring, PSY 347 Early Intervention with Infants and Toddlers.
- <sup>3</sup> Students must choose one course from the following list: PSY 205 Child Development, PSY 206 Adolescent and Adult Development, PSY 209 Growth and Development.
- <sup>4</sup> Students must choose one course from the following list: EDU 110 Introduction to Early Childhood Education, EDU 130 Education, Schools, and Culture, EDU 250 Introduction to Special Education.
- <sup>5</sup> Students must choose 6 credits from the following list: PSY 285 Psychology in the Field, PSY 400 Psychology Capstone, PSY 495 Independent Research, PSY 498 Psychology Internship, PSY 499 Psychology Internship, WEL 400 Leadership in Practice, WEL 440 Leadership in Practice.