

# Child and Family Development

In the College of Education

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## Faculty

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Associate Professors: Hokoda, Ritblatt  
Lecturers: Booth, Gardner

## Offered by the Department

Master of Science degree in child development.  
Major in child development with the B.S. degree in applied arts and sciences.  
Minor in child development.  
Certificate in family life education.

## The Major

The interdisciplinary major in child development draws from many fields of study, including biology, psychology, and sociology, and prepares students for a variety of professional specialties. Graduates with competencies in this major find positions in preschools, child care centers, schools, hospitals, clinics, residential institutions, counseling centers, mental health centers, social services and public welfare agencies, family service agencies, family planning clinics, community programs, business and industry, and government agencies.

Field experience programs offer students supervised work in community agencies, children's programs, the Associated Students' Campus Children's Center, and San Diego City Schools. All children's programs are mainstreamed and a wide range of special needs and at-risk populations are served.

The child development degree also provides a flexible curriculum base for continuation into graduate programs in child development or family relations. Majors may also continue graduate work in related fields such as marriage and family therapy; social work; psychology; law; or sociology. Also available are programs leading to the multiple subject and single subject teaching credentials, the community college teaching credential, and a specialist credential in either special education or early childhood education.

The child development minor is an important adjunct for students in areas such as anthropology, education, psychology, recreation, social work, and sociology.

## Impacted Program

The child development major is an impacted program. To be admitted to the child development major, students must meet the following criteria:

- Complete with a grade of C or higher: Child and Family Development 135, 270, 270L (1 unit), 272, 275; Biology 100; Psychology 101; Sociology 101; and Psychology 270 and 271, or Sociology 201, or a three unit elementary statistics course. These courses cannot be taken for credit/no credit (Cr/NC);
- Complete a minimum of 45 baccalaureate level semester units (a minimum of 60 units are required for all transfer applicants);
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.40 or higher.

To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements for the major described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the premajor at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

## Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs Web site was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

## Child Development Major

**With the B.S. Degree in Applied Arts and Sciences**  
**(Major Code: 08231)**

All candidates for a degree in applied arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

A minor is not required with this major.

**Preparation for the Major.** Child and Family Development 135, 270, 270L (1 unit), 272, 275; Biology 100; Psychology 101; Sociology 101; Psychology 270 and 271, or Sociology 201, or a three unit elementary statistics course. (25-26 units)

These prerequisite courses may not be taken Cr/NC. The minimum grade in each class is C or higher.

**Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement.** Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

**Major.** A minimum of 43 upper division units to include Child and Family Development 335, 370, 375A, 375B, 375C, 537, 560, 575, 578, 590, and one of the two specializations listed below.

**Child Development Specialist:** Child and Family Development 377, 378A (1 unit), and 378B (1 unit) or 378D (1 unit), 380, 477, and 577.

**Family Development Specialist:** Child and Family Development 378C (1 unit), 378D (1 unit), 536, and nine units selected with the approval of the program adviser.

## Child Development Minor

The minor in child development consists of a minimum of 16 units to include Child and Family Development 270+, 270L (1 unit), and 12 upper division units selected from Child and Family Development courses.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

+Indicates course with prerequisites not included in requirements listed above.

## Family Life Education Certificate

The purpose of this certificate program is to prepare students for careers in family life education. The program is designed for individuals working on degrees in child development and health science. It also provides a self-improvement opportunity for people seeking employment, promotion, or upward mobility on the job who are not enrolled in degree programs.

Awarding of the certificate requires completion of an approved pattern of five courses (15 units) with a grade of "C" or better in each of the courses to include Child and Family Development 135, 270+, or 375C and 378C, or 375C and 378D, or Psychology 230+; Biology 307; Psychology 355; and Public Health 353. The course offerings under this program meet the criteria for training and standards of the American Association of Sex Educators and Counselors. Courses in the certificate may not be counted toward the minor.

+Indicates course with prerequisites not included in requirements listed above.