



## SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

School of Education

Department of Early Childhood Studies

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### Early Childhood Studies Mission Statement

*“The Department of Early Childhood Studies prepares knowledgeable and caring professionals who are committed to contributing to a just society through high-quality education and social services for all children and families.”*

### Minor in Early Childhood Studies

*For students declaring the major in Fall 2020 or later*

The Minor in Early Childhood Studies gives students from any major at Sonoma State University a concentration in the study of early childhood development and learning. This minor is useful for students interested in pursuing careers involving work with young children from birth through age eight in fields such as Education, Counseling, Psychology, Social Work, Nursing, and others. For a minor in Early Childhood Studies, students must take five required courses (19 units) plus an additional six units of elective courses, for a total of 25 units.

Courses required for the minor can be used to apply for a California Child Development Permit, and when the appropriate electives are chosen, the minor can also cover prerequisites for the Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential program. If your ultimate goal is to obtain a Child Development Permit or enroll in the Multiple Subjects Credential program, please be sure to consult with an advisor to ensure that you take the appropriate courses.

### Applying for the Early Childhood Studies Minor

If you wish to apply for the Early Childhood Studies minor, please take the following steps:

1. Ensure your Grade Point Average (GPA) is 2.5 or higher.
2. Pick up a “Change of Major” form from the Admissions and Records Lobby in Salazar
3. Schedule an appointment with the Early Childhood Studies Minor Advisor
4. Bring the above documents with you to your advising meeting.

Additional information about the Early Childhood Studies Department can be found at [www.sonoma.edu/education/ecs](http://www.sonoma.edu/education/ecs)

Find your advisor for the Department at [Early Childhood Advisors](#).





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## Course Offerings in Early Childhood Studies Minor

REQUIRED COURSES (18 units)	Units
<b>EDEC 110</b> Understanding Development: Birth through Adolescence	3
<b>*EDEC 220</b> Child Observation with Field Experience	4
<b>EDEC 270</b> Children and Families in a Diverse Society	4
<b>EDSP 432</b> Young Children with Special Needs	4
<b>EDEC 450</b> Empowerment and Equity for Children and Families	3
POSSIBLE ELECTIVE COURSES (6 units required)	
<b>EDEC 201</b> Foundations of Early Care and Education	4
<b>*EDEC 237</b> Early Childhood Curriculum with Field Experience	4
<b>EDEC 247</b> Physical Development and Health in Childhood	3
<b>EDEC 405</b> iPlay: Child Development in the Digital Age	3
<b>EDEC 406</b> Positive Guidance	3
<b>EDEC 407</b> Multicultural Children’s Literature	3
<b>EDEC 408</b> Science, Literacy, and Play: Exploring the Natural World	3
<b>EDEC 409</b> Play in Early Childhood	3
<b>EDEC 410</b> Language Development	3
<b>EDEC 411</b> Infant and Toddler Development	3
<b>EDEC 412</b> Brain Development	3
<b>*EDEC 437</b> Integrated Curriculum in Early Childhood Classrooms	4
<b>EDEC 435</b> Leadership and Advocacy on Behalf of Children and Families	4
<b>EDEC 447</b> Children’s Emotional Development and Health	3
<b>EDEC 460</b> Introduction to Research in Early Childhood Education	4
<b>EDEC 490</b> Special Topics in Early Childhood Studies	1-4
<b>EDUC 250</b> Teaching in a Changing World	3
<b>❖EDUC 417</b> School and Society	3
<b>❖EDMS 419</b> Identity and Agency for Socially Just Classrooms & Communities	3
<b>AMCS 339</b> Ethnic Groups and American Social Policy	3
<b>AMCS 445</b> Multiculturalism and Education	4
<b>CALS 405</b> The Chicano/Latino Family	4
<b>CALS 450</b> Chicano/Latino Children’s Literature	4
<b>CALS 456</b> Sociology of Education/Latinos and Education	4
<b>KIN 400</b> Elementary School Physical Education	3
<b>KIN 427</b> Individuals with Disabilities in Educational and Recreational Settings	3
<b>PSY 409</b> Social and Emotional Development	4
<b>PSY 411</b> Child Psychopathology	4
<b>PSY 414</b> Infant Development	4
<b>PSY 418</b> Psychology of Family	4
<b>PSY 431</b> Introduction to Art Therapy	4
<b>PSY 448</b> Cognitive Development	4
<b>SOCI 345</b> Sociology of Families	4
<b>SOCI 445</b> Sociology of Childhood and Adolescence	4

All coursework in the minor must be completed with an average grade of C (2.0).

\*Courses marked with an \* include approximately 24 hours of fieldwork and should not be taken during the same semester.

- Minors will need to complete the ECS legal seminar prior to starting fieldwork in EDEC 220.
- ❖EDMS 419 and EDUC 417 are prerequisite courses for the Elementary School Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. If you are planning on applying to this credential program at SSU, complete these courses as part of your undergraduate degree.
- Other elective courses may be chosen in consultation with an advisor.
- Transfer students who have completed child development coursework at a California Community College should consult with an advisor about which course requirements may have been met.
- Students who plan to apply for the Child Development Permit should choose EDEC 237 as an elective.

