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Child and Family Studies
Early Childhood Education (PreK-3) Curriculum

1. Natural or Physical Science Electives: Select two courses from the list of courses meeting the University's General Education requirements for the Natural Sciences (NS). One course must include a laboratory.
2. Arts and Humanities Electives: Select two courses from the list of courses meeting the University's General Education requirements for the Arts and Humanities (AH).
3. Quantitative Reasoning Electives: Select one mathematics course and one statistics course from the list of courses meeting the University's General Education requirements for Quantitative Reasoning (QR).
4. History Elective: Any History-prefix course may be chosen.
5. Foreign Language: A sequence of modern foreign language at the 200-level or above must be selected. This requirement is met by any sequence of Intermediate Foreign Language Courses except Latin listed under the Cultures and Civilizations (CC) category.
6. Social Science Elective: Select any course from the list of courses meeting the University's General Education requirement for Social Science (SS). CFS 210 and 220 and the courses used to meet the Psychology/Sociology Elective may not be used.
7. Psychology/ Sociology Electives (6 hours, lower level): Students must select two courses from the following: Psychology 110, 210, 220; Sociology 110, 120.
8. Students electing to pursue the Early Childhood Education Teacher Licensure Preparation (PreK-3) specialty area will take a total of 34 credit hours in this specialty area plus an additional 3 credit hours from their Advanced Social Science electives. A course may be counted in one specialty area only and may not be used to fulfill any other elective requirement. Check the *Undergraduate Catalog* for any prerequisites required for these courses.
9. Advanced Social Science Electives: Select a total of 12 hours from 300- and 400- level Child and Family Studies, Counselor Education, Educational Psychology, History, Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, Recreation and Leisure Studies or Anthropology courses. ECE Teacher Licensure students must take CFS 353 to fulfill 3 of the required 12 hours.
10. Registration for this course requires a cumulative GPA of 2.5; completion of all Child and Family Studies core courses; a minimum grade of C in all CFS courses and all teacher education courses; completed application; student conduct and criminal background clearance.

Note: The CFS curriculum requires at least 54 hours in 300- and 400- level courses.

Progression Standards*

For Progression into the Child and Family Studies major, students must meet the following criteria:

1. Attain and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5/4.0 (transfer hours not included). Minimum GPA for Early Childhood Education licensure (PreK-3) is 2.7.
2. Attain a minimum grade of “C” in all CFS courses and all teacher education courses, a minimum GPA of 2.5 in the major, and a minimum GPA of 2.8 in professional courses.
3. Apply for the practicum and complete the application *one year prior* to the intended practicum semester.
4. Complete the self-disclosure forms allowing university personnel to obtain student conduct and criminal background information one year prior to the intended practicum semester. The Department’s Undergraduate Committee will evaluate any negative background check.

For Progression into the Child and Family Studies Practicum, students must meet the following criteria:

1. Complete all prerequisites enforced by the registration system.
2. Attain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.
3. Attain a minimum grade of C in all CFS courses and all teacher education courses, a minimum GPA of 2.5 in the major, and a minimum GPA of 2.8 in professional courses.

*** Students should consult a CFS faculty advisor for details about the progression process and requirements.**

Early Childhood Education Teacher Licensure Preparation (PreK -3)

The Child and Family Studies major can provide the undergraduate preparation needed for a student who would like to be licensed to teach early childhood education (PreK – 3) in the State of Tennessee. The Early Childhood Education licensure option is offered in conjunction with a master’s degree in Child and Family Studies (early childhood education concentration). Students who wish to pursue this licensure must complete the Early Childhood Education (PreK-3) Teacher Licensure specialty area and the CFS 470 practicum as an undergraduate. Upon attainment of senior status (i.e., 90 or more hours), students may apply for admission to Teacher Education (see details in the teacher education section of Undergraduate Catalog). They also must apply for admission to the M.S. with a major in Child and Family Studies (see Graduate Catalog for details). Acceptance into the teacher licensure program is contingent upon admission to the M.S. program in CFS. Students interested in this option should work closely with their faculty advisor to ensure that they understand and meet the teacher education program requirements, that they understand the requirements for graduate study, that they strictly follow the application process, and that they follow the current licensure requirements determined by the Tennessee Department of Education.