The Major
Child Development is the systematic study of how children grow and develop. It has, as its joint focus, the study of human growth and development from prenatal through emerging adulthood, and the application of that knowledge to benefit children, families, and the communities in which we live. Students who major in Child Development want to work directly with children and families or indirectly for children in administrative, advocacy, teaching or research roles.

The Department of Child Development offers unique experiences to students:
- Theoretical and practical exploration of the complex factors underlying development and assessment.
- Integration of supervised field experiences and internships with knowledge of child growth and development.
- An opportunity to apply principles and best practices in the licensed and state funded Associated Students Child Development Laboratory.

Career Outlook
A Bachelor of Arts degree in Child Development prepares graduates to interact with culturally diverse children, youth and families in a variety of settings – early childhood, elementary and high schools, special education, counselors, social workers, family resource and referral specialists, parent educators, family service coordinators, early education and intervention specialists, and social service professionals. Child Development graduates meet California State requirements for the Child Development Permit, which allows the holder to be a teacher or site supervisor of an early childhood education center. California’s Universal Preschool Initiative will serve more children ages 3-to 4-years-old, statewide, in high-quality preschool programs. California intends to meet this goal through the implementation of universally available transitional kindergarten (TK), this means there is a growing need for thousands of early childhood credentialed teachers. Our coursework and internships can provide essential preparation for credential programs after completing your bachelor’s degree.

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Child Development Major Requirements (55 units ~18 courses)


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**Required Electives:**
- 2 Family courses (CHLD 255, CHLD 451, CHLD 455)
- 1 Society and Culture (CHLD 272)
- 1 Biological Influences (CHLD 321, BIOL 303/318)
- 1 Development Periods (CHLD 350, 351, 354, 357)
- 1 Developmental Topics (CHLD 333W, CHLD 360)

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*Indicates one of three internships which total 250 hours of hands-on experience with children, families-focused agencies

Child Development Minor Requirements (21 units- 7 courses)


Our minor provides is a useful and interesting set of courses for other majors such as Liberal Studies (LBST), Psychology, Sociology, Public Health, Special Education, Kinesiology, Nursing, and Social Work.

Good to Know

Community College Units: We accept up to 24 units of lower-division child development, early childhood education, and human development units. Units are articulated in a variety ways including course-to-course and program-to-program. The 24 units from CAP-approved programs are accepted.

Internships: 250 hours of internships and field placement experiences are built into major through 3 required internship courses (CHLD 282, CHLD 392, CHLD 492) with study/work opportunities in over 40 local agencies.

Student Support: Scholarships, awards, teaching and research opportunities related to professional development are available through the Department of Child Development and other University-wide programs. Assistance in academic, employment, and career counseling is available.

Professionally Active and Involved Faculty: Child Development Faculty have professional associations with children’s services and programs throughout Butte County and surrounding areas. In addition, faculty are actively involved in organizations at the state and national levels.

CDSA - the Child Development Student Association holds monthly meetings, has presentations and speakers to increase students' knowledge in the field of child development and provide a forum for receiving current information relating to career opportunities. It’s a great way to meet other majors and make friends.