

Approved Electives in Child Development

Elective coursework is included in the curriculum to provide students with an opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills related to the professional position they hope to work in, but may not receive through the Core Child Development coursework. Students are required to complete 12 units of Approved Electives. Electives selected must not duplicate the course content of other electives chosen (e.g., you may not take SOC 321 – Sociology of Education and SOC 322 – Social Environment of Education). These courses are noted on the list below. If you are planning to minor or double major in a different discipline, you may not double count that coursework to satisfy electives requirements. No course may count in both the major and minor (see University Catalog). All courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.

Students are responsible for making sure that their elective choices meet the criteria stated above. Elective choices that do NOT meet the above criteria will NOT be approved. If you have questions regarding course eligibility you should meet with your academic advisor to clarify any concerns. Once you have completed one of the electives listed below, your elective will appear on your academic progress report after the course has been successfully completed. Your electives will undergo final approval by your Child Development Academic Advisor during your Graduation Check. Please review the Child Development Advisement webpage for information on applying for graduation. To make an advisement appointment for your Graduation Check, please contact Student Services at (310) 243-2120.

The following courses have been approved as Child Development Electives:

Course #	Course Title	Units
Creative Arts/Physical Education		
ART 301	Arts and Crafts for the Non-Major	3
COM 250	Writing for the Media	3
COM 352	Feature and Critical Writing	3
COM 381	Screenwriting	3
DAN 440 or KIN 447	Dance for Children or Dance Education in the Elementary School	3
KIN 301	Kinesiology	3
MUS 340	Music for Children	3
THE 337	Creative Dramatics	3
Business and Public Management and Administration		
BUS 300	Business Communications	3
FIN 360	Business Finance	3
HRM 313	Human Resource Management	3
MGT 310 or PUB 300	Management Theory or Foundations of Public Administration	3
MGT 312 or PUB 301	Organizational Behavior or Administrative Leadership and Behavior	3
MGT 416	Leadership	3
MKT 350	Principles of Marketing	3
PUB 371	Health Services Administration and Public Policy Development	3
PUB 373	Health Policy	3
PUB 426	Intergovernmental Relations and Grant-Writing	3
PUB 450	Nonprofit and Voluntary Sectors	3
PUB 451	Managing the Nonprofit Organization	3
Criminal Justice Administration		
CJA 340 or SOC 367	Criminal Justice and the Community or Sociology of Law	3
CJA 443	Criminal Law and Justice Administration	3
CJA 444	Juvenile Justice Process	3

Early Teaching and Learning		
LBS 310	Early Language and Learning	3
LBS 330	Bridging Cultures through Literacy and Learning	3
LBS 340	Learning Early Mathematical Concept and Reasoning	3
LBS 355	Writing in Education	3
School-age Teaching and Learning		
LBS 375	California Experience	3
SPE 460 or SPE 480 or SPE 481	Introduction to Special Education or Educating Exceptional Children and Youth or Educating Diverse Learners with Exceptionalities	3
ENG 308	Critical Approaches to Children's Literature	3
ENG 487	Second Language Teaching & Learning	3
GEO 350	World Regional Geography	3
Political Science		
POL 312	State and Local Government: Organization and Problems	3
POL 318	Public Policy Choices: Distribution of Wealth	3
POL 370	Public Opinion and Propaganda	3
Psychology		
PSY 314	Behavior Modification	3
PSY 320	Psychopharmacology	3
PSY 342 or SOC 341	Interpersonal and Group Dynamics or Seminar in Small Groups	3
PSY 352 or SOC 316	Psychology of Adult Development and Aging or Sociology of Adult Life and Aging	3
PSY 353	The Experience of Death and Dying: Psychological Perspectives	3
PSY 360	Theories of Personality	3
PSY 363	The Abnormal Personality	3
PSY 367	Effective Communication Skills	3
PSY 370	Health Psychology	3
PSY 380	Psychology of the Mexican American	3
PSY 382	Psychological Development of the Black Child	3
PSY 383	Psychology of the Black Experience	3
PSY 464	Introduction to Clinical Psychology	3
PSY 470	Community Psychology: Issues and Practices	3
Sociology		
SOC 306	Program Evaluation	3
SOC 316 or PSY 352	Sociology of Adult Life and Aging or Psychology of Adult Development and Aging	3
SOC 320	The Family	3
SOC 321 or SOC 322	Sociology of Education or Social Environment of Education	3
SOC 328	Social Agencies Practice and Power	3
SOC 341 or PSY 342	Seminar in Small Groups or Interpersonal and Group Dynamics	3
SOC 362	Gangs and Adolescent Subcultures	3
SOC 363	Sociology of Alcohol and Other Drug Use	3
SOC 364	Corrections	3
SOC 365	Deviant Behavior	3
SOC 368	Criminology	3
SOC 369	Juvenile Delinquency	3
SOC 384	Resistance, Inequalities, and Communities	3
SOC 386	Sociology of the Helping Professions	3