

BA in Early Childhood & Family Studies

The Early Childhood and Family Studies (ECFS) major is designed to give you the opportunity to study early childhood development, early learning, and family studies from a variety of perspectives across a range of disciplines. A Bachelor of Arts degree in ECFS will prepare you for careers in early learning, childcare, policy, parent and family support and education, and social/mental health services. It is also a pathway to graduate studies in education, child and family studies, and other areas.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

English Composition _____
Foreign Language (thru 103 or 3 years in HS) _____
Writing *8 credits met w/ ECFS 401 & ECFS 403 _____
Diversity *met w/ECFS 419 or EDSPE 404 _____

QSR (Quant/Symbolic Reasoning) *met w/ ECFS 401 _____
VLPA (20 credits - Visual, Literary & Performing Arts) _____
I&S (20 credits - Individuals & Societies) _____
NW (20 credits - Natural World) _____

PRE-CORE (Courses required before taking CORE Courses) (8 credits)

_____ ECFS 200 Introduction to Early Childhood & Family Studies (Service Learning) I&S	A/W/Sp	3
_____ EDPSY 302 Child Development I&S	A/W/Sp	5

GENERAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES (16 credits)

_____ ECFS 311 Teaching from the Inside Out: Being a Resilient Educator I&S	Sp	3
_____ EDUC 305 Public Schools in a Democracy or EDUC 310 Current Issues in Education I&S	A/W/Sp	5
_____ EDPSY 406 Learning & Teaching in our Changing World I&S	A/W/Sp	5
_____ EDSPE 404 Exceptional Children I&S	A/W/Sp/Su	3

EARLY CHILDHOOD & FAMILY STUDIES CORE (20 credits)

_____ NSG 432 Infants & Children; Risk & Resilience I&S	W/Sp	5
_____ ECFS 419 Family & Community Influences on the Young Child I&S, DIV	A/Sp	5
_____ ECFS 401 Understanding Research in Early Childhood & Family Studies I&S, QSR, W	A	5
_____ ECFS 402 Social Policy & Young Children and Families I&S	W	5

EARLY CHILDHOOD & FAMILY STUDIES ELECTIVE COURSE CHOICES (30 credits)

Students select at least 20 credits of electives from College of Education areas of study. Other elective coursework may be approved electives from across the University of Washington. This list is available on the [Advising Website](#).

Early Childhood & Family Studies	_____
Education	_____
Educational Curriculum & Instruction	_____
Educational Psychology	_____
Special Education	_____

SERVICE LEARNING

Service-learning is an instructional approach that connects classroom learning to community service, where learning is more informed by the hands-on exposure to the realities of the world, and service is more informed by the application of theoretical understanding.

_____ ECFS 200 Intro to ECFS (part of pre-core, credits already counted)		
_____ ECFS 303 Community Engagement	A/W	3

CAPSTONE

_____ ECFS 403 Senior Capstone W	W/Sp	3
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Total Credits for major: 80



Early Childhood & Family Studies Major - Plan of Study

Autumn Quarter _____

Winter Quarter _____

Spring Quarter _____

Summer Quarter _____

Autumn Quarter _____

Winter Quarter _____

Spring Quarter _____

Summer Quarter _____

Autumn Quarter _____

Winter Quarter _____

Spring Quarter _____

Summer Quarter _____

Autumn Quarter _____

_____ ECFS401 (5) _____

Winter Quarter _____

_____ ECFS 402 (5) _____

Spring Quarter _____

_____ ECFS 403 (3) _____

