BA in Early Childhood & Family Studies

Preparing students 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.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- English Composition (5 credits)
- Writing (10 credits)
- Diversity (3 credits)
- RSN (4-5 credits - Reasoning)
- A&H (15 credits - Arts & Humanities)
- SSc (15 credits - Social Sciences)
- NSc (15 credits - Natural Sciences)

Additional 15 credits for Areas of Inquiry-A&H/SSc/NSc

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- *ECFS 200 Introduction to Early Childhood & Family Studies with 2.0 or higher I&S
- English Composition must earn a 2.0 or higher

ECFS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

EARLY CHILDHOOD & FAMILY STUDIES CORE (44-46 credits)

- *ECFS 303 Community Engagement (prereq: ECFS 200) I&S
- EDPsy 302 Child Development & Learning I&S
- ECFS 311 Teaching from the Inside Out: Being a Resilient Educator I&S
- EDUC 251 Seeking Educational Equity & Diversity I&S, DIV, W
- EDPsy 406 Learning and Teaching in our Changing World: Insights from Experience and Research I&S
- NSG 432 Infants & Children: Risk & Resilience I&S
- ECFS 419 Family & Community Influences on the Young Child I&S, DIV
- ECFS 315 Parenting and Child Development DIV, W
- ECFS 320 Childhood in Cultural Context: Theory and Practice I&S, DIV
- EDSPE 304 Disability in Education I&S, DIV
- EDSPE 414 Issues and Trends in Inclusive Early Childhood Education I&S
- EDSPE 427 Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis NW, I&S
- EDSPE 435 Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders I&S, DIV
- ECFS 401 Understanding Research in ECFS I&S, QSR, W (prereq: EDPsy 302 & ECFS 303)
- ECFS 402 Social Policy & Young Children and Families I&S

EARLY CHILDHOOD & FAMILY STUDIES ELECTIVES (25 credits)

The electives in the ECFS major are meant to reflect the interest area of the student. Many College of Education courses may count as elective credit from the following areas of study: Early Childhood & Family Studies (ECFS), Education (EDUC), Educational Curriculum & Instruction (EDC&I), Educational Psychology (EDPSY), Special Education (EDSPE), Educational Leadership & Policy Studies (EDLPS).

The department may approve a maximum of 5 credits to satisfy ECFS Electives from volunteer/service-learning/field experience coursework (e.g. mentoring, GEN ST, Pipeline, Dream Project, Jumpstart) OR from an education-related study abroad. Study abroad credits require departmental approval. **No more than 5 credits of field experience AND/OR study abroad courses may be applied to ECFS Electives.

CAPSTONE (2 credits)

- ECFS 403 Senior Capstone (prereq: ECFS 401) W/Sp

TOTAL CREDITS FOR MAJOR: 74-76

*service learning is required

**Final Year Residency Requirement

Additional requirements: minimum 2.0 GPA cumulative/minimum of 180 total credits/45 of last 60 credits taken at UW
## Early Childhood & Family Studies Major - Degree Program Requirements

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Note: The table above outlines the course requirements for each quarter of the Early Childhood & Family Studies Major. The specific courses and credits are listed under the respective quarters. Students must complete the courses as indicated to fulfill the degree requirements.