

Minor - Child Advocacy Studies

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The minor in child advocacy studies (CAST) is an interdisciplinary program to prepare students for the challenges and opportunities of working with children and youths, particularly those who have experienced the trauma of maltreatment. It is supported by a funded grant through the Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi. The minor is designed to better equip students in their work with various agencies and systems including social services, health care, and the criminal justice system. Due to the interdisciplinary nature of this work, the minor includes course offerings from a variety of disciplines including social work, criminal justice, and psychology.

Course Requirements

Students must complete a total of 18 hours in the minor (three required courses, three electives) earning a minimum of "C" in each course.

Required courses:

- SW 301 – CAST: Child Maltreatment and Advocacy
- SW 402 – Child Welfare Policies (~OR~) CJ 370 – Domestic Crimes and Family Law
- SW 401 – CAST: Responding to Child Trauma

Electives:

Choose 9 hours from the following courses that must be from at least two different disciplines. Students must earn a "C" or better for courses to count toward the minor:

- SW 220: Foundations in Child and Maternal Health
- SW 321: Human Behavior and the Social Environment
- SW 325: The Helping Professional in Health Care Settings
- SW 327: Compassion Fatigue: Strategies
- CJ 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CJ 120: Introduction to Corrections
- CJ 270: Juvenile Justice
- Psy 301: Developmental Psychology
- Psy 309: Learning
- Psy 311: Psychopathology: Integrative Approaches
- Psy 319: Brain and Behavior
- Psy 323: Applied Behavior Analysis
- CSD 201: Introduction to Communicative Disorders
- CSD 216: Normal Development of Communication
- Edec 301: Introduction to Early Childhood
- Edec 321: Early Childhood Development I
- Edec 326: Socio-Emotional Competencies
- PPL 363: Early Childhood Policy in the U.S.
- NHM 323: Human Development
- NHM 328: Child Development
- Soc 301: The Family
- Soc 333: Juvenile Delinquency *Other courses may be approved by the department chair.

