# CHILD ADVOCACY STUDIES MINOR

## Description

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.

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| **Required Courses** | | |
| SCWK 3010 | CAST: Child Maltreatment & Advocacy | 3 |
| SCWK 4020 | Child Welfare Policies | 3 |
| SCWK 4010 | CAST: Responding to Child Trauma | 3 |
| **Electives** | | |
| Select 9 hours from the following courses that must be from at least two different disciplines: | | 9 |
| SCWK 2200 | Foundations in Maternal and Child Health | |
| SCWK 3211 | Human Behav and the Soc Environment I | |
| SCWK 3250 | The Helping Professional in Health Sett | |
| SCWK 3270 | Compassion Fatigue: Strategies | |
| CRJU 1000 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | |
| CRJU 1200 | Introduction to Corrections | |
| CRJU 2700 | Juvenile Justice | |
| PSYC 3110 | Developmental Psychology | |
| PSYC 3120 | Learning | |
| PSYC 3130 | Psychopathology: Integrative Approaches | |
| PSYC 3140 | Brain and Behavior | |
| PSYC 3221 | Applied Behavior Analysis | |
| CSCD 2010 | Introduction to Communicative Disorders | |
| CSCD 2160 | Normal Development of Communication | |
| EDEC 3010 | Introduction to Early Childhood Ed | |
| EDEC 3210 | Early Childhood Development I | |
| EDEC 3260 | Socio-Emotional Competencies | |
| PPLD 3630 | Early Childhood Policy in the U.S. | |
| NAHM 3230 | Human Development Across the Lifespan | |
| NAHM 3280 | Child Development | |
| SOCY 3010 | The Family | |
| SOCY 3330 | Juvenile Delinquency | |
| Other courses may be approved by the department chair. | | |
| **Total Hours** | | **18** |

Students must earn a "C" or better for courses to count toward the minor.