

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

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Child Development and Family Studies  
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## B.A. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 credits

This program provides the necessary preparation for early childhood educators who wish to advance their professional knowledge and career opportunities with specialized study in administration, curriculum and teaching, family support, or infants and toddlers.

The child development and family studies program meets professional preparation standards developed by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. These six core standards and field experience expectations guide the CDFS B.A. program content and outline a set of common expectations for professional knowledge, skills and dispositions within the field of early care and education in conjunction with family studies.

The program supports students who desire a strong foundation in the field of early childhood by integrating the early childhood education A.A.S. content requirements with that of the child development and family studies B.A. Students are required to complete the program major and one of the specialized concentration areas: administration within the early childhood field, curriculum and teaching, family support, or infant and toddler.

Flexible course delivery fosters successful completion for early childhood professionals living in both rural and urban areas of Alaska. All program and concentration area courses must be completed with a C grade or better, with the exclusion of all clinical practice course work which must be completed with a B grade or better. Completion of the CDFS B.A. will meet requirements for both a major and minor.

## Major — B.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements.\* (See page 132. As part of the core curriculum requirements, the following courses are recommended: ENGL F213X\*, MATH F103X\*, MATH F107X\*, or MATH F161X\*; BIOL F104X\*, GEOG F111X\* or GEOS F120X\*.)
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements. (See page 137. As part of the B.A. social science degree requirements, complete PSY F101.)\*
  - a. Complete three of the following recommended humanities/social science courses as part of your B.A. degree requirements:
    - ANS F242—Native Cultures of Alaska ..... 3
    - ANS F320W—Language and Culture: Applications to Alaska ..... 3
    - ANS F330—Yupik Parenting and Child Development ..... 3
    - ANS F461—Native Ways of Knowing ..... 3
    - ANTH F407—Kinship and Social Organizations ..... 3
    - LING F303W,O—Language Acquisition ..... 3
  - b. Complete one of the following recommended mathematics courses as part of your B.A. core requirements:
    - CS F101—Computers and Society ..... 3
    - CS F102—Introduction to Computer Science ..... 3
    - MATH F103X—Concepts and Contemporary Applications of Mathematics ..... 3
    - MATH F107X—Functions for Calculus ..... 4
    - MATH F161X—Algebra for Business and Economics ..... 3
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:
  - ECE F101—Overview of the Profession ..... 3
  - ECE F104—Child Development I: Prenatal, Infants and Toddlers ..... 3

ECE F107—Child Development II: The Preschool and Primary Years .....	3
ECE F110—Safe, Healthy, Learning Environments .....	3
ECE F140—Positive Social and Emotional Development .....	3
ECE F210—Child Guidance .....	3
ECE F229—Foundations in Nutrition and Physical Wellness .....	3
ECE F235—Screening, Assessment and Recording (2) or ECE F130—Culture, Learning, and the Young Child (2) .....	2
ECE F305—Social and Emotional Development: Reflection and Practice .....	3
ECE F342O—Family Relationships .....	3
ECE F350—Play: Foundation for Development .....	3
ECE F445W—Adolescence through the Lifespan .....	3
ECE F480—Child Development and Family Studies Portfolio .....	1

4. Complete one of the following concentrations:\*

## Administration within the Early Childhood Field\*\*\*

Complete the following:\*

ECE F340—Financial Management .....	3
ECE F341W—Personnel Management .....	3
ECE F471—Clinical Practice: Organizational Action Research ...	3
CIOF F150—Computer Business Applications .....	3
ENGL F212—Business, Grant and Report Writing .....	3
BA S301—Principles of Management (UAS) .....	3
BA S343—Principles of Marketing (UAS) .....	3
BA S490—Political and Social Environment of Business (UAS) .....	3

Note: ECON F201 or ECON F202 is a prerequisite for BA S490.

Note: This specialization is offered in collaboration with the University of Alaska Southeast. For course descriptions of UAS courses see current University of Alaska Southeast catalog. These courses are available by distance delivery.

## Curriculum and Teaching\*\*\*

Complete the following:\*

ECE F240—Inclusion of Children with Special Needs .....	3
ECE F310—Constructivist Curriculum .....	3
ECE F360—Assessment in Early Childhood .....	3
ECE F420W—Developing Literacy in the Early Years .....	3
ECE F430—Fine Arts in the Early Years .....	3
ECE F440—Exploring Math and Science in the Early Years .....	3
ECE F472—Clinical Practice: Classroom Research** .....	3
ECE F473—Clinical Practice: Classroom Management** (3) or ECE F270—Practicum II** (3) .....	3

## Family Support\*\*\* \*\*\*\*

Complete the following:\*

ECE F242—Child and Family Ecology .....	3
ECE F301—Parents as Partners in Education (3) or ECE F302—Building Home Program Relationships: Prenatal to 3 Years (3) .....	3
ECE F306W—Building Bridges to Support Family Mental Health .....	3
ECE F405—Seminar in Culture and Child Rearing Practices .....	3
ECE F410—Supporting Family Relationships through Mentoring .....	3
ECE F442—Family Resource Management .....	3
ECE F471—Clinical Practice: Organizational Action Research ...	3
SWK F360—Child Abuse and Neglect .....	3

## Infant and Toddler\*\*\*

Complete the following:\*

ECE F214—Curriculum III: Infant and Toddlers .....	3
ECE F302—Building Home Program Relationships .....	3

ECE F304W—Attachment and Social Development.....	3
ECE F320 —Environment and Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers	3
ECE F405—Seminar in Culture and Child Rearing Practices .....	3
ECE F421—From Babbling to Talking to Early Literacy .....	3
ECE F472—Clinical Practice: Classroom Research** .....	3
ECE F473—Clinical Practice: Classroom Management** (3)	
or ECE F270—Practicum II**(3) .....	3
5. Minimum credits required .....	120
* Students must earn a C grade (2.0) or better in each course.	
** Student must earn a B grade (3.0) or higher in each course.	
*** Students completing any CFDS concentration will need an additional 6 upper-division (300 – 400) credits within the Humanities/Social Science B.A. general degree requirements.	
**** Note: Students completing the family support concentration need to complete SWK F103 as a prerequisite to SWK F360.	

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses. Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

## Baccalaureate Core Requirements

(Note: all courses for Core must be at C- or higher.)

### COMMUNICATION (9)

#### Complete the following:

ENGL F111X .....(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
ENGL F190H may be substituted.

#### Complete one of the following:

ENGL F211X OR ENGL F213X .....(3) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Complete one of the following:

COMM F131X OR COMM F141X .....(3) \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)

#### Complete all of the following four courses:

ANTH F100X/SOC F100X .....(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
ECON F100X OR PS F100X .....(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
HIST F100X .....(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
ENGL/FL F200X .....(3) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Complete one of the following three courses:

ART/MUS/THR F200X, HUM F201X OR ANS F202X .... (3) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Complete one of the following six courses:

BA F323X, COMM F300X, JUST F300X, NRM F303X,  
PS F300X OR PHIL F322X .....(3) \_\_\_\_\_

#### OR complete 12 credits from the above courses PLUS

- two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other non-English language **OR**
- three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language taken at the university level.

### MATHEMATICS (3)

#### Complete one of the following:

MATH F103X, MATH F107X, MATH F161X OR  
STAT F200X .....(3 – 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
\* No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH F107X or F161X.

#### OR complete one of the following\*:

MATH F200X, MATH F201X, MATH F202X,  
MATH F262X OR MATH F272X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite.

### NATURAL SCIENCES (8)

#### Complete any two (4-credit) courses:

ATM F101X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
BIOL F100X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
BIOL F103X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
BIOL F104X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
BIOL F111X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
BIOL F112X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
BIOL F115X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
BIOL F116X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
CHEM F100X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
CHEM F103X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
CHEM F104X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
CHEM F105X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
CHEM F106X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
GEOG F111X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
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GEOS F112X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
GEOS F120X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
GEOS F125X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
MSL F111X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYS F102X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYS F103X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYS F104X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYS F115X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYS F116X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYS F175X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYS F211X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYS F212X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYS F213X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_

### LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH (0 – 1)

Successful completion of library skills competency test **OR**  
LS F100X or F101X prior to junior standing .....(0 – 1) \_\_\_\_\_

### UPPER-DIVISION WRITING AND ORAL COMMUNICATION (0)

#### Complete the following:

Two writing intensive courses designated (W) .....(0) \_\_\_\_\_  
and one oral communication intensive course  
designated (O) .....(0) \_\_\_\_\_

**OR** two oral communication intensive courses designated  
(O/2), at the upper-division level (see degree and/or major  
requirements) .....(0) \_\_\_\_\_

**CORE CREDITS REQUIRED ..... 38 – 39**

**Minimum credits required for degree ..... 120**



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