Program in Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies
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Shaping the Future

Vision Statement
The vision within the Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies Program (CAFS) is to promote partnerships that foster healthy children, supportive family relationships, and an interactive community of learners. This program will also offer learning activities that provide superior educational preparation for teachers, parents, and community professionals that will aid in the development of well-prepared persons to interact with and support a diverse population within the local, regional, national, and global community.

Philosophy
The philosophy of the Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies Program (CAFS) has as its core a constructivist viewpoint that encompasses learning through all the domains of development as experienced by the individual, family, and community. This belief reinforces the premise that the study of Human Development is a process of examining the human experience in ever-changing environments.

Program Description
The Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies Program (CAFS) at California State University, Bakersfield offers a major leading to a Bachelor of Arts Degree. The CAFS program provides students with an undergraduate level of knowledge within Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies. This program highlights diverse theories, milestones across developmental domains, family systems, ethics, and developmental research methods. The CAFS major focuses on the biological, cognitive, psychological, and sociological foundations of child behavior and development. Students will acquire knowledge and gain understanding through exposure to relevant literature, current research topics, selected service, fieldwork, and development of student research. Through a variety of courses, students obtain knowledge and refine skills in observing, assessing, interpreting, and implementing programs for children and families; working with and supervising child-centered programs; participating in supportive structures for children and adolescents; and understanding families from diverse backgrounds.

Total Units Required to Graduate 120 units
Major Requirements 48 units
CAFS coursework 48
Minor Requirements 12 units
General Education Requirements 45 units
First-Year Seminar 6
LD Area A Foundational Skills 12
LD Area B Natural Sciences 6
LD Area C Arts and Humanities 6
LD Area D Social and Behavioral Sciences 6
American Institutions 3
SELF 3
Junior Year Diversity Requirement 3
UD Thematic Areas B and C 6
GWAR (Exam) or Class 0-3
Additional Units as needed to graduate
Requirements for the Major in Child, Adolescent and Family Studies Elementary Education Emphasis

1. **Year 1** (36 units)
   - Fall (18 units)
     SELF, First Year, A1, A3, CAFS 1100,
   - Spring (18 units)
     First Year, A2, A4, CAFS 2000, GOVT

2. **Year 2** (36 units)
   - Fall (18 units)
     HIST, B1, C1, D1, CAFS lower
   - Spring (18 units)
     B2, C2, D2, lower CAFS, CAFS 2080

3. **Year 3** (34 units)
   - Fall (18 units)
     Area B Theme, CAFS 2500, CAFS 3110, CAF 3800 or 3550
   - Spring (18 units)
     Upper CAFS, Upper CAFS, minor course, CAFS 3140, CAFS 3500

4. **Year 4** (40 units)
   - Fall (18 units)
     Area C Theme, Minor, GWAR, CAFS 4000, CAFS 3650 or 3560
   - Spring (18 units)
     Minor, CAFS 4100, CAFS 4900, Upper CAFS, Capstone, Choice

Requirements for the Minor in Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies

A student wishing to minor in Child, Adolescent and Family Studies should complete at least 12 quarter units in CAFS, of which at least 9 units must be upper division. A faculty member in the CAFS program must approve the specific course of study. This minor may be completed online. Courses required:

a. CAFS 2000
b. Select three (3) of the following courses: CAFS 3110, 3140, 3500, 3600, 3800, 3200