

# CHILD ADOLESCENT, AND FAMILY STUDIES

## Program in Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies

### School of Social Sciences and Education

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### Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies (CAFS) at California State University, Bakersfield provides breadth and depth in the scientific study of child, adolescent, and adult developmental domains. The program focuses on the biological, cognitive, psychological, and sociological foundations of learning from early childhood development, through to adolescent growth, and adult behavior. The program design is based on contemporary learning theories, application of ethics and values, research methods and diverse family systems/approaches, with practical applications in disciplines that require direct interaction with children and families.

### Mission Statement

The Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies (CAFS) program offers learners specialized knowledge that enhances their skills and abilities to work and advocate in partnerships that foster healthy children, supportive family networks, and interactive community relationships. A social constructivist approach to learning is reinforced in the academic activities that result in superior educational preparation for teachers, parents, and community professionals. The mission of the program is to develop well prepared, highly skilled individuals who can envision, interact, and respond to the needs of diverse populations within the local, regional, national, and global community.

### Requirements for the Major in Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies

The Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies (CAFS) requires a minimum of 120 units which consists of courses for the CAFS major as well as other university-wide general education graduation requirements. Students pursuing a CAFS major must complete the pre-requisite classes (CAFS 1100, CAFS 2000), and one of the following Statistics classes (MATH 1209, PSYC 2018 or SOC 2208) which is part of the General Education

Requirements. The CAFS major course requirements consist of 48 units. Students will need to complete 18 additional units (courses may be Minor courses or graduate school prerequisites) to earn the required credit units needed for graduation. All CAFS majors must hold a current certificate in First Aid and Adult, Child, and Infant CPR upon graduation. Students are expected to maintain a grade of "C-" or higher in all CAFS courses to count towards graduation.

### Requirements for the Bachelor of Art Degree in Child, Adolescent and Family Studies

<b>Total Units Required to Graduate</b>	<b>120 units</b>
<b>Major Requirements</b>	<b>51 units</b>
Prerequisites	9
Core Courses	30
Major Electives	12
<b>Minor Requirements</b>	<b>0 units</b>
<b>General Education Requirements</b>	<b>54 units</b>
First-Year Seminar	2
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	6
SELF	1
Junior Year Diversity Requirement	3
UD Thematic Areas B and C	6
Capstone	1
GWAR (Exam) or Class	0-3*
<b>Additional Units</b>	<b>15 units**</b>

NOTE: \*The GWAR can be satisfied by exam or a course.

\*\*Additional 3 unit courses may be Minor courses or graduate school prerequisites.

### Requirements for the Major in Child, Adolescent and Family Studies

#### Prerequisites to the major (9 units)

CAFS 1100, 2000

MATH 1209 **OR** PSYC 2018 **OR** SOC 2208 General Education Requirement

#### Core Courses (30 units)

CAFS 2080, 2500, 3110, 3140, 3500

CAFS 3800 **or** 3550

CAFS 3650 **or** 3560

CAFS 4000, 4100, 4900

#### Major Electives (12 units)

##### 1. Lower Division Courses

Select any 2 classes:

CAFS 1050, 1250, 2100, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2800

##### 2. Upper Division Courses

Select any 2 classes:

CAFS 3200, 3600, 4140, 4200, 4300, 4400

#### NOTE:

The following 3 courses (CAFS 2000, CAFS 2080, and CAFS 2200) are needed to meet the core requirements for CCTC Child Development Associate Teacher Permit.

The following 3 courses (CAFS 2500, CAFS 3110, and CAFS 3500) are needed to meet the core requirements for CCTC Child Development Master Teacher Permit.

### **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 semester 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