Human Development
Social & Behavioral Sciences

This interdisciplinary major has three specializations. The child development track is for students who wish to work with young children and their families in the areas of child and family development, education, and social service settings. The school age track is for students interested in pursuing a career in the field of elementary education. The life-span track prepares students to work with broad age ranges in a variety of settings.

CAREER OPTIONS

A wide range of career opportunities are available to graduates with a degree in Human Development. Some of these careers will require additional education or experience. Many entry-level positions are available in business, industry and government for students regardless of academic discipline.

CAREER FIELDS

Early Childhood Education
Children's Center Teacher / Supervisor
Senior Citizen's Center Supervisor
Activities Director
Personnel Specialist
Child Development Specialist
Infant / Toddler Specialist
Elementary or Secondary School Teacher
Adoption Counselor
Marriage and Family Counselor
School Counselor
School Psychologist
Human Resource Analyst

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Colleges and Universities
Courts / Correctional Institutions
Government Agencies
Hospitals and Clinics
Public and Private Schools
Recreation Departments
Research Institutes
Social Services Agencies
Senior Citizen Centers
Sports / Health Clubs
Wholesale / Retail Merchandisers

EMPLOYMENT AND SALARY OUTLOOK

Employment opportunities in county, state, federal and private agencies offer varied possibilities for individuals trained in human development. Employment outlook varies greatly in this field depending on the person's background, experience and interest. The teaching profession is expected to grow faster than average for early childhood and elementary education positions. There are openings available in particular settings such as rural and smaller districts and inner city schools as compared to suburban districts. Employment of social workers is expected to increase faster than average through the 1990's. Opportunities are also growing in many areas i.e. gerontology, recreational therapy, and Alzheimer care. It is anticipated that expansion of business corporations and increased responsibilities by government agencies will lead to growth of staff positions requiring college-educated individuals.

Salaries will vary with size and type of employer, geographic location, course work and related experience.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Dedicated faculty ensure personalized instruction
- Outstanding faculty
- Recognized scholars
- Experienced, practicing professionals
- Holistic approach
- Academic preparation for graduate school
- Independent study program
- Internship program
- Certificate/Permit programs available
- Dual major available (for Track I, Gerontology, and Lifespan tracks)

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Bachelor of Arts in Human Development requires a minimum of 180 units:

- 78-82 units in general education courses (school age track = 133 units)
- 90-95 units in human development courses (school age track = 47 units)
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

REPRESENTATIVE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COURSES

Child Development (Child Development and School Age Tracks)
- Early Childhood Development
- Early Childhood Curriculum and Programs
- History of Childhood
- Theories of Play
- Multicultural Child Development
- Student Teaching in Early Childhood Education
- Cross-Cultural Child-Rearing Practices
- Psychology of Middle Childhood
- Developmental Psychology
- Children's Literature
- Infant & Toddler Development
- Parenting & Family Relations
- Puppetry in the Classroom
- Development of Exceptional Children
- Cognitive Development
- Personality & Social Development
- Psychopathology of Childhood
- Child Assessment
- Advance Seminar in Human Development

Life-Span Development
- Psychology of Middle Childhood
- Psychology of Adolescence
- Anthropology of Human Development
- Heredity and Human Development
- Psychology & Education of Exceptional Individuals
- Advanced Seminar in Human Development
- Cross-Cultural Psychology
- Psychology of Adulthood & Aging
- Infant & Toddler Development
- Early Childhood Development
- Adult Assessment
- Health Aspects of Death & Dying
- Abnormal Psychology
- Health & Wellness of Older Adults
- Health & Human Development
- Organization & Management of Long-Term Care Facilities
- Social Gerontology
- Socialization
- Sociology of the Family
- Psychology of Adulthood & Aging

A dual major option is available between Psychology and Human Development in the Child Development and Lifespan Tracks.

For further information regarding degree requirements visit the Psychology Department website at:

http://www.psychology.csusb.edu/

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