

CHILD AND YOUTH STUDIES (B.S.)

The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Child and Youth Studies program is designed to prepare graduates with a fundamental understanding of education in society. The Education Studies concentration prepares graduates who may decide to pursue teaching in childcare or other educational settings by providing them with the fundamentals of teaching and learning. The Community Engagement Concentration prepares graduates for leadership roles in informal learning environments such as youth organizations, museums, non-profit organizations, parks and recreation, and other community destinations. This program does not lead to a state of Florida teaching certificate.

Concentrations

- Community Engagement Concentration
- Education Studies Concentration

Program Progression and Additional Graduation Requirements

Degree-seeking students are classified as pre-majors prior to formal transition into a College of Education (COE) major. In order to transition from a COE pre-major to a major, students must (a) earn an overall GPA of 2.0 on all credits attempted, and (b) see an academic advisor/student success counselor for an approved plan of study. To be placed in a (Block Five) Final Internship, students must have passed all program courses except EDG 4936 which must be taken concurrently with EDG 4940 Practicum: Child/Youth Studies.

In addition to the program requirements, students must complete:

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits.
- Complete a minimum of 48 of the 120 credits at the upper division (3000-4999 level).
- Earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 for all coursework attempted at FGCU.
- Satisfy the College-Level skills and foreign language requirement.
- Satisfy the Service-Learning requirement.
- Satisfy the Civic Literacy requirement.
- Satisfy the residency requirement: 30 of the last 60 credits must be completed at FGCU.
- Complete the summer course enrollment requirement.
- Submit an Application for Graduation by the deadline listed in the FGCU Academic Calendar.

The COE limits the transfer of coursework into its upper-division, undergraduate programs. To be considered, courses must have been completed with a minimum grade of C and no more than five years prior to the date of entry into the COE undergraduate program.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
FGCU General Education Program (https://www.fgcu.edu/academics/undergraduatestudies/generaleducation/)		

To prevent or minimize excess hours, select general education courses that satisfy common prerequisite requirements for your intended major.

Common Prerequisites

None

Required Courses in the Major (24 credits)

A minimum grade of C in each course and a GPA of 2.0 is required

EDF 4112	Child Growth and Development	3
EDF 4424	Youth Focused Evaluation	3
EDG 4936	Seminar: Child/Youth Studies (capstone)	3
EDG 4940	Practicum: Child/Youth Studies	9
EDG 4942	Field Experience:CYS	3
TSL 3080	Foundations of ESOL	3

Restricted Electives in the Major (3 credits)

Select one of the following:

RED 4344	Methods of Teaching Reading	3
RED 4310	Early Literacy Learning	3

Concentration (18 credits)

Complete one of the following concentrations:

Education Studies Concentration

EDF 3251	Classroom Org & Management	3
EDG 3323	Professional Teaching Practice	3
EDG 4371	Creative & Affective Developmnt	3
EEC 3268	Play Development & Assessment	3
EEC 4307	Cognitive Exp for Yng Children	3
EEX 4201	Young Children with Spec Needs	3

Community Engagement Concentration

EDF 4650	Youth & Community Resilience	3
EDF 4731	Youth & Community Leadership	3
EDF 4810	Intro to Comparative Education	3
EDG 4077	Informal Learning Environments	3
EEC 4404	Family & Comm Partnerships	3
ENT 3503	Social Entrepreneurship	3

Sustainability Course Graduation Requirement (3 credits)

Select at least 3 credits in sustainability coursework (SCGR Attribute)

Additional Electives

As needed to reach total credits required for the degree

Total Credits Required: 120