

Child Development H40108BAT

The following information has official approval of the **School of Family and Consumer Sciences**, but is intended only as a supplemental guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. *Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.* The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your academic advisor.

Please contact **Dr. Susan Witt** in the School of Family & Consumer Science office at (330) 972-7721 or susan8@uakron.edu to discuss the Child Development program. There are several opportunities for additional minors and certificates to be completed within the degree requirements.

Italicized courses fulfill General Education requirements. Unless a course is specified, refer to the General Education guide at http://www.uakron.edu/advising/docs/General_Education_Guide.pdf

1 st Year	Fall Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
	<i>English Composition I Requirement (Note a)</i>	3	Appropriate placement by advisor
7760:132	Early Childhood Nutrition	3	
7400:265	Child Development (must earn "C" or better to be accepted into program) (see IMPORTANT)	3	
	<i>Social Science Requirement (Note b)</i>	3	
	<i>Speech/Oral Communication Requirement</i>	3	
Total		15	

1 st Year	Spring Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
	<i>English Composition II Requirement (Note a)</i>	3	3300:111 or equivalent
	<i>Mathematics Requirement</i>	3	Appropriate placement by advisor
	<i>Natural Science Requirement</i>	4	
7400:201	Courtship, Marriage and Family Relations (must earn "C" or better to be accepted into program)	3	
2200:110	Foundations in Early Childhood Education	3	
Total		16	

2 nd Year	Fall Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
	<i>Natural Science Requirement</i>	4	
	<i>Social Science Requirement</i>	3	
2200:245 or 7400:365	Infant/ Toddler Day Care Program -OR- Infants, Families and Society	3	7400:265
2200:250	Observing and Recording Children's Behavior	3	7400:265
7400:270	Theory and Guidance of Play	3	7400:265
Total		16	

2 nd Year	Spring Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
3400:210 or 3400:221	<i>Humanities in the Western Tradition</i> -OR- <i>Humanities in the World Since 1300</i>	4	32 credit hours and 3300:112 equivalent
	Foreign Language/ Elective (See: OPTIONS)	4	32 credit hours and 3300:112 equivalent
7400:280	Early Childhood Curriculum Methods	3	7400:265
7760:141 or 7400:259	Food for the Family -OR- Family Housing	3	
7400:255	Fatherhood	3	7400:201 or 7400:265
Total		17	

3rd Year Fall Semester			
	<i>Physical Education/Wellness Requirement</i>	1	
	<i>Humanities Requirement</i>	3	
	<i>Area Studies/ Cultural Diversity Requirement</i>	2	
7400:360	Parent-Child Relations	3	7400:265
7400:404	Middle Childhood and Adolescence	3	7400:201 and 265 or permission
	Foreign Language/ Elective (See: OPTIONS)	4	
Total		16	

3rd Year Spring Semester			
	<i>Area Studies/ Cultural Diversity Requirement</i>	2	
	<i>Humanities Requirement</i>	3	
7400:362	Family Life Management	3	
7400:301 or 7400:303	Consumer Education -OR- Children as Consumers	3	
	Foreign Language/ Elective (See: OPTIONS)	3	
Total		14	

4th Year Fall Semester			
	Foreign Language/ Elective (See: OPTIONS)	3	
7400:401	American Families in Poverty	3	96 credit hours, 7400:201 and 265, permission of instructor
7400:450	Families, Individuals and Environments	3	FCS major and 96 credit hours OR 90 credit hours and permission of instructor
7400:460	Organization and Supervision of Child Care Centers	3	
7400:370	Teaching in the Early Childhood Classroom	2	7400:265, 270 and 280
7400:375	Teaching in the Early Childhood Classroom Lab	2	7400:265, 270 and 280
Total		16	

4th Year Spring Semester			
7400:446	Culture, Ethnicity and the Family	3	96 credit hours, 7400:201 and 265, permission of instructor
7400:447	Senior seminar: Critical Issues in Professional Development	1	FCS major and 96 credit hours
7400:494	Internship: Child Development	5	Permission; must earn "C" or better
	Free Electives (Note c)	8	
Total		17	

	Minimum Total Credits for Degree	128 min	
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ALERT: 1) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you must have completed your General Education English, Math, and Communications (Speech) requirements; 2) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you must have declared a major and transferred to (been accepted by) a degree granting college at The University of Akron.

IMPORTANT: A current TB test and a thorough criminal background check (BCI/fingerprinting) are conducted in 7400:280 Early Childhood Curriculum Methods and are also required for 7400:370/375 Teaching in the Early Childhood Classroom and Lab. The background check may reveal a student's unsealed and sealed criminal record

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Notes:

- a. For English Composition I, 3300:111 (English Composition I) or 3300:113 (African-American Language and Culture I) are the recommended classes to meet the General Education English requirement. 2020:121 (English) fulfills the English Composition I requirement. For English Composition II, 3300:112 (English Composition II) or 3300:114 (African-American Language and Culture II) are the recommended classes to meet the General Education English requirement. 2020:222 (Technical Report Writing) fulfills the English Composition II requirement.

- b. The School of Family and Consumer Sciences recommends 3750:100 Introduction to Psychology to meet one of the General Education social sciences requirements.
- c. Free electives can be any course not already required by your major and Upper Level (300/400) electives can be any course in or outside your major excluding General Education courses and workshops.

OPTIONS:

A student should choose ONE of the following options:

- Option I** Completion of 14 hours of a foreign language sequence, preferably in a language in high demand, such as Spanish or American Sign Language.
- Option II** Completion of a minor/certificate program or 14 hours of coursework in a related area. Please refer to the *Undergraduate Bulletin* for a list of related minors/certificate programs. Contact a Family & Consumer Science adviser if you have further questions.
- Option III** Completion of 8 hours of a foreign language and 6 hours from a related area. Contact a Family & Consumer Science adviser for further information.

Job Description:

Emphasis in Child Development prepares a student to work directly with children in child care programs, Head Start, social service agencies, information and referral services, business related to toy development and sales, toy librarian, and consulting in the child care benefits area to business and industry.

TRANSFER TO COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES: Students should apply to the college upon the attainment of:

- ✓ a cumulative GPA of 2.3 or better (includes transfer coursework until 30 credits are earned at UA)
- ✓ a major GPA of 2.0 or better (includes transfer coursework until 30 credits are earned at UA)
- ✓ 30 credits completed including both required English composition courses and 3 credits of mathematics or statistics that meets the General Education requirement

Students can arrange inter-college transfers through an appointment with their academic advisor; advisor contact information is listed in "My Akron."

Placement:

A student is encouraged to check with his/her major department and with the Career Center, Student Union 211, regarding internship /employment opportunities in the field.

Website for School of Family & Consumer Science: <http://www3.uakron.edu/fcs>.

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