

CHILD DEVELOPMENT (BS)

Degree Requirements and Curriculum

In addition to the program requirements listed on this page, students must also satisfy requirements outlined in more detail in the Minimum Requirements for Graduation (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/academic-standards-policies/general-requirements-bachelors-degree/#generaleducationtext>) section of this catalog, including:

- 40 units of upper-division courses
- 2.0 GPA
- Graduation Writing Requirement (GWR)
- U.S. Cultural Pluralism (USCP)

Note: No Major or Support courses may be selected as credit/no credit. In addition, no more than 12 units of cooperative or internship courses can count towards your degree requirements.

Code	Title	Units
MAJOR COURSES		
CD 1102	Orientation to the Child Development Major	2
Select from the following:		3
CD 1131	Observing and Interacting with Children	
CD 2202	Developmental Science Technology Activity	
CD 2254	Child, Family, and Community	
CD/PSY 2229	Research Methods in Psychology	3
CD 2230	Preschool Laboratory	3
CD/PSY 2256	Developmental Psychology	3
Select from the following:		8
CD 3304	Infant and Toddler Development	
CD 3305	Early and Middle Childhood Development	
CD/PSY 3306	Adolescence	
CD 3329	Advanced Research Methods in Developmental Science	4
CD 4424	Children's Development in Diverse Cultures	4
Child Development Electives		
Select any 3000-4000 level CD courses		16
Internship		
Select from the following:		3
CD 4448	Research Internship I	
CD 4453	Supervised Fieldwork Internship I	
Senior Project		
CD 4461	Senior Project Seminar	2
CD 4462	Senior Project	2
SUPPORT COURSES		
PSY 2201	Introductory Psychology (4B) ¹	3
PSY 2240	Biopsychology (5B) ¹	3
STAT 1110	Applied Statistical Concepts and Methods (2) ¹	3
Professional Skills		
Select from the following:		3-4
COMS 3316	Intercultural Communication	
COMS 3320	Intergroup Communication	
PSY 3304	Intergroup Dialogues	
PSY 3323	The Helping Relationship	
PSY 3350	Teamwork	
Upper-Division Science		
Select from the following (Upper-Division 2/5): ¹		3-4
BIO 3312	Human Genetics	

ES/WGQS 3350	Gender, Race, Culture, Science, and Technology	
FSN 3305	Nutrition and Exercise for Health and Disease Prevention	
IME 3320	Human Factors and Technology	
ISLA 3305	Public Engagements with STEM	
NR 3310	Global Climate Change	
PSY 3344	Behavioral Genetics	
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion		
Select from the following (Upper-Division 4): ¹		3-4
ES 3380	Critical Race Theory	
ES 3381	Social Constructions of Whiteness	
PSY 3304	Intergroup Dialogues	
WGQS 3301	Contemporary Issues in Women's and Gender Studies	
WGQS 3330	Feminist/Queer Transnational Studies	
WGQS/ES 3351	Gender, Race, Class, Nation: Critical Computing and Engineering Studies	
GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)		
(See GE program requirements below)		28
FREE ELECTIVES		
Free Electives ²		21-24
Total Units		120

¹ Required in Major or Support; also satisfies General Education (GE) requirement.

² If a General Education (GE) course is used to satisfy a Major or Support requirement, additional units of Free Electives may be needed to complete the total units required for the degree.

General Education (GE) Requirements

- 43 units required, 15 of which are specified in Major and/or Support.
- If any of the remaining 28 Units is used to satisfy a Major or Support requirement, additional units of Free Electives may be needed to complete the total units required for the degree.
- See the complete GE course listing (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/academic-standards-policies/general-requirements-bachelors-degree/#generaleducationtext>).
- A grade of C- or better is required in one course in each of the following GE Areas: 1A (English Composition), 1B (Critical Thinking), 1C (Oral Communication), and 2 (Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning).

Lower-Division General Education

Area 1	English Communication and Critical Thinking	
1A	Written Communication	3
1B	Critical Thinking	3
1C	Oral Communication	3
Area 2	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning	
2	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning (3 units in Support) ¹	0
Area 3	Arts and Humanities	
3A	Arts	3
3B	Humanities: Literature, Philosophy, Languages other than English	3
Area 4	Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4 courses must come from at least two different course prefixes.)	
4A	American Institutions (Title 5, Section 40404 Requirement)	3
4B	Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 units in Support) ¹	0
Area 5	Physical and Life Sciences	
5A	Physical Sciences	3
5B	Life Sciences (3 units in Support) ¹	0
5C	Laboratory (may be embedded in a 5A or 5B course)	1
Area 6	Ethnic Studies	
6	Ethnic Studies	3

Upper-Division General Education

Upper-Division 2/5	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning or Physical and Life Sciences (3 units in Support) ¹	0
Upper-Division 3	Arts and Humanities	3
Upper-Division 4	Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4 courses must come from at least two different course prefixes.) (3 units in Support) ¹	0

Total Units		28
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