

Child Advocacy Studies Certificate

Undergraduate Certificate in Child Advocacy Studies

The undergraduate Certificate Program in Child Advocacy Studies (CAST) is an interdisciplinary program requiring ~~18~~ 19 credits of training in Child Advocacy Studies. The CAST certificate encompasses a group of courses focused on children, youth, and traumatic stress capped by a field experience. The CAST certificate is appropriate for students who want to specialize in working in a variety of professional settings with children and adolescents, many of whom may have experienced trauma.

Most courses required by the Certificate Program in Child Advocacy Studies have prerequisites. Some students may satisfy prerequisites by virtue of their prior curriculum. When this is not the case, students are responsible for satisfying the prerequisites. All students must take at least one course outside their home department. All required courses must be taken in residence at UM-St. Louis.

Required courses		
PSYCH/SOC WK/CAST 4398	Child Maltreatment: A Multidisciplinary Approach	3
CAST 4498	Forensic Investigation of Child Abuse	3
CAST 4598	Child Abuse Assessment and Intervention	3
Electives		6
Please choose two of the following:		
CNS ED 4310	Human Relations Skills	
CRIMIN 2226/POL SCI 2260	Law, Politics and Society	
CRIMIN 2251	Youth Gangs	
CRIMIN 3230	Crime Prevention	
CRIMIN 3270	Juvenile Justice And Delinquency	
CRIMIN/GS 4330	Violence Against Women	
CRIMIN 4350	Victimology	

ECH ED 3350	Family and Professional Partnerships within School/Community
ED PSY 2212	Child and Adolescent Development
ED PSY 3312	Psychology of Learning, Instruction, and Assessment
GS 2102	Introduction To Gender Studies
GS/SOC 2224	Marriage And The Family
GS/SOC 3250	Sociology Of Victimization
GS/SOC WK 4610	Intimate Partner Violence
PSYCH 2200	Drugs And Behavior
PSYCH/GS 2232	Psychology Of Trauma
PSYCH 2270	Developmental Psychology: Infancy, Childhood And Adolescence
PSYCH/CAST 3290	Traumatic Stress in Childhood and Adolescence ¹
PSYCH 3340	Clinical Problems Of Childhood
PSYCH 4305	Developmental Psychology: Cognitive Development of Children
SOC 2201	Deviance and Society
SOC 4312	Sociology Of Wealth And Poverty
SOC 4356	Sociology Of Education
SOC WK 4110	Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups
SOC WK 4601	Abused And Neglected Children
SOC WK 4620	Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders
SOC WK 4645	Social Work in Mental Health

Field Experience Options ¹		3
A field experience in a child-related field, approved and supervised by the student's home department, is the final part of the certificate. All required CAST courses should be completed, though concurrent enrollment in one CAST course is permitted. Additionally, students must receive prior approval from the CAST program director.		
CAST 4698	Internship in Child Advocacy Studies	
CRIMIN 3280	Internship In Criminology And Criminal Justice	
EDUC 4990	Internship II	
EDUC 4989	Internship I	
GS 4353	Internship In Gender Studies	
CAST/PSYCH 4698	Internship in Child Advocacy Studies¹	
SOC 4307	Community Based Research in Sociology	
SOC 4385	Internship In Sociology	
SOC WK 4800/4850	Supervised Field Experience In Social Work I	
Seminar		1
CAST 4700	Field Education Seminar	
Total Hours		19

¹ Simultaneous enrollment in a CAST seminar is required for all disciplines.

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

Department	Contact Person	Phone #	Objections
S003250	Finn Esbensen	4619	No
S007300	Lois Pierce	6384	No
S008000	Sally Ebest	5544	No

S007250	Robert Keel	6052	No
S003750	Carole Basile	5109	No

Rationale

A one-hour seminar for CAST students is added to promote sustainability of the program and to ensure reflective learning from a CAST perspective while students complete their field experience. Additionally, education and sociology internships changed to better reflect the appropriate course recommended by the respective departments.