

# CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES

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The Child and Family Studies program emphasizes individual and family well-being across the lifespan through the study of human development and family relationships. The program offers certification in Family Life Education (CFLE) through the National Council on Family Relations and the coursework preparation for certification as a Child Life Specialist through the Child Life Council. Students gain hands-on experience through the Piper Center for Family Studies and Child Development, a NAEYC-accredited lab school.

## Admissions Requirements - Child and Family Studies

Students who wish to change their major to Child and Family Studies in the Child Life or Pre-Occupational Therapy concentrations after completing coursework at Baylor may do so during the eligibility period, from the end of a full semester once final grades are posted through the 5th class day of the following term. Students requesting to change their major to Child and Family Studies in the Child Life or Pre-Occupational Therapy concentrations must have a cumulative GPA corresponding to the minimum requirements for their selected track. Transfer students must have a cumulative GPA corresponding to the minimum requirements for their selected track.

Program	Cumulative GPA
Child Life	2.75 cumulative GPA
Pre-Occupational Therapy	2.75 cumulative GPA

### Requirements for a Major in Child and Family Studies

#### General Education/B.S. Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Minimum required hours <sup>1</sup>		124
Residence requirement		60
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		<b>48-49</b>
Chapel - two semesters		
ENG 2310	American Literary Cultures	3
HIS 1300	The United States in Global Perspective	3
PSC 1387	The U.S. Constitution, Its Interpretation, and the American Political Experience	3
REL 1310	The Christian Scriptures	3
REL 1350	The Christian Heritage	3
<i>Communication and Media Literacy</i>		3
CFS 3354	Family Life Education and Ethics	
<i>Contemporary and Social Issues</i>		3
Select one course from the following:		
SOC 1305	Introduction to Sociology	
PSY 1305	Psychological Science: Understanding Human Behavior <sup>2</sup>	
CFS 4356	The Family: A Global Perspective <sup>3</sup>	
REL 3390	Christian Ethics	
ANT 1325	Introduction to Global Health	
<i>Fine Arts and Performing Arts</i>		2-3

Fine Arts and Performing Arts Distribution List ( <a href="https://catalog.baylor.edu/undergraduate/robbins-college-health-human-sciences/#HHDLFAPA">https://catalog.baylor.edu/undergraduate/robbins-college-health-human-sciences/#HHDLFAPA</a> )		
<i>Foreign Languages and Cultures</i>		6
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<i>Formal Reasoning</i>		3
Select one course from the following:		
MTH 1301	Ideas in Mathematics	
PHI 1306	Logic	
STA 1380	Elementary Statistics <sup>4</sup>	
<i>Research, Writing, and Literature</i>		6
ENG 1310	Research Writing: Writing and Academic Inquiry Seminars	
PWR 3300	Technical Writing	
<i>Scientific Method I</i>		4
Select one course from the following:		
BIO 1305 & BIO 1105	Modern Concepts of Bioscience and Modern Concepts of Bioscience Laboratory	
BIO 1306 & BIO 1106	Modern Concepts of Bioscience, continued and Modern Concepts of Bioscience Laboratory	
BIO 1401	Current Issues in Human Biology	
NSC 1306 & NSC 1106	Introduction to Neuroscience and Introduction to Neuroscience Laboratory	
CHE 1300 & CHE 1100	Introductory Chemistry and Introductory Chemistry Laboratory <sup>5,6</sup>	
CHE 1301 & CHE 1101	Basic Principles of Modern Chemistry I and General Chemistry Laboratory I <sup>5</sup>	
CHE 1405	Chemistry and Society <sup>7</sup>	
<i>Scientific Method II</i>		3
NUTR 3314	Consumer Nutrition	
<i>Lifetime Fitness</i>		3
Lifetime Fitness Distribution List ( <a href="https://catalog.baylor.edu/undergraduate/robbins-college-health-human-sciences/#HHDLFIT">https://catalog.baylor.edu/undergraduate/robbins-college-health-human-sciences/#HHDLFIT</a> )		

#### CFS Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
CFS 1315	Development of Individual and Family Relationships	3
CFS 2355	Child Development	3
CFS 2357	Adult Development	3
CFS 3304	Research Methods	3
CFS 3350	Individual and Family Financial Management	3
CFS 3356	Theories of Family Development	3
CFS 4191	Professional Practices in Child and Family Studies	1
CFS 4358	Planning and Administration of Child and Family Programs	3
CFS 4359	Parenting Theory and Approaches	3

CFS 4390	Child and Family Studies Practicum	3
PRD 2101	Professional Development	1
<i>HSD Core</i>		
HSD 1104	New Student Seminar in Human Sciences and Design	1

*Required Concentration*

Choose one of the following concentrations: 36-43

Family Life Education (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/undergraduate/robbins-college-health-human-sciences/human-sciences-design/child-family-studies/family-life-education-concentration/#requirementstext>)

Child Development (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/undergraduate/robbins-college-health-human-sciences/human-sciences-design/child-family-studies/child-development-concentration/#requirementstext>)

Child Life (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/undergraduate/robbins-college-health-human-sciences/human-sciences-design/child-family-studies/child-life-concentration/#requirementstext>)

Pre-Occupational Therapy (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/undergraduate/robbins-college-health-human-sciences/human-sciences-design/child-family-studies/pre-occupational-therapy-concentration/#requirementstext>)

**Total Hours****66-73**

<sup>1</sup> Students must have 124 total minimum hours. If they have less than 124 total hours after completing their degree requirements, they will need to take additional elective hours as needed to reach the minimum total hours.

<sup>2</sup> **Contemporary Social Issues:** Pre-Occupational Therapy Concentration students MUST take either SOC 1305 (<https://baylor-test.courseleaf.com/search/?P=SOC%201305>) Introduction to Sociology or PSY 1305 (<https://baylor-test.courseleaf.com/search/?P=PSY%201305>) Psychological Science: Understanding Human Behavior.

<sup>3</sup> **Contemporary Social Issues:** CFS 4356 (<https://baylor-test.courseleaf.com/search/?P=CFS%204356>) The Family: A Global Perspective is NOT an option to fulfill this requirement for Family Life Education Concentration students.

<sup>4</sup> **Formal Reasoning:** Pre-Occupational Therapy Concentration students MUST take STA 1380 (<https://baylor-test.courseleaf.com/search/?P=STA%201380>) Elementary Statistics.

<sup>5</sup> **Scientific Method I:** Pre-Occupational Therapy Concentration students MUST take either (1) CHE 1300 (<https://baylor-test.courseleaf.com/search/?P=CHE%201300>) Introductory Chemistry and CHE 1100 (<https://baylor-test.courseleaf.com/search/?P=CHE%201100>) Introductory Chemistry Laboratory; or (2) CHE 1301 (<https://baylor-test.courseleaf.com/search/?P=CHE%201301>) Basic Principles of Modern Chemistry I and CHE 1101 (<https://baylor-test.courseleaf.com/search/?P=CHE%201101>) General Chemistry Laboratory I.

<sup>6</sup> **Scientific Method I:** Family Life Education Concentration students may NOT use CHE 1300 (<https://baylor-test.courseleaf.com/search/?P=CHE%201300>) Introductory Chemistry and CHE 1100 (<https://baylor-test.courseleaf.com/search/?P=CHE%201100>) Introductory Chemistry Laboratory to fulfill this requirement.

<sup>7</sup> **Scientific Method I:** Child Life Concentration students may NOT take CHE 1405 (<https://baylor-test.courseleaf.com/search/?P=CHE%201405>) Chemistry and Society to fulfill this requirement.