## CHILD LIFE CONCENTRATION

The child life concentration is designed for students interested in pursuing certification as a Child Life Specialist through the Association for Child Life Professionals in order to pursue certification. Students in the Child Life concentration are encouraged to check with the Child and Family Studies division director related to non-academic requirement for becoming a certified Child Life Specialist.

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<td>Grade point average – minimum of 2.75 (“B-”) overall to enter and remain in concentration.</td>
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**Chapel**  
Complete two semesters of Chapel  
**ENG 2310** American Literary Cultures  
**HIS 1300** The United States in Global Perspective  
**PSC 1387** The U.S. Constitution, Its Interpretation, and the American Political Experience  
**Religion**  
**REL 1310** The Christian Scriptures  
**REL 1350** The Christian Heritage  
**Communication and Media Literacy**  
**CFS 3354** Family Life Education and Ethics  
**Contemporary and Social Issues**  
Select one course from the following:  
**CFS 4356** The Family: A Global Perspective  
**SOC 1305** Introduction to Sociology  
**PSY 1305** Psychological Science: Understanding Human Behavior  
**REL 3390** Christian Ethics  
**ANT 1325** Introduction to Global Health  
**Fine Arts and Performing Arts**  
**HSD 1231** Design and Creative Technologies  
**Foreign Languages & Cultures**  
Select 6 hours from the Foreign Language and Cultures Distribution List  
**Formal Reasoning**  
Select one course from the following:  
**MTH 1301** Ideas in Mathematics  
**PHI 1306** Logic  
**STA 1380** Elementary Statistics  
**Research, Writing & Literature**  
**ENG 1310** Writing and Academic Inquiry Seminars  
**PWR 3300** Technical Writing  
**Scientific Method I**  
Select one of the following:  
**BIO 1306** Modern Concepts of Bioscience  
**& BIO 1105** and Modern Concepts of Bioscience Laboratory  
**BIO 1406** Current Issues in Human Biology  
**NSC 1306** Introduction to Neuroscience  
**& NSC 1106** and Introduction to Neuroscience Laboratory  
**CHE 1300** Introductory Chemistry  
**& CHE 1100** and Introductory Chemistry Laboratory  
**CHE 1301** Basic Principles of Modern Chemistry I  
**& CHE 1101** and General Chemistry Laboratory I  
**Scientific Method II**  
**NUTR 3314** Consumer Nutrition  
Select three semester hours  
**Major**  
**Child and Family Studies Courses: Child Life Concentration**  
**CFS 1315** Development of Individual and Family Relationships  
**CFS 2355** Child Development  
**CFS 2357** Adult Development  
**CFS 3304** Introduction to Research  
**CFS 3350** Individual and Family Financial Management  
**CFS 3356** Theories of Family Development  
**CFS 3358** Infant and Toddler Development  
**CFS 3362** Child Life Theory and Practice  
**CFS 3368** Theory and Principles of Play  
**CFS 4191** Professional Practices in Child and Family Studies  
**CFS 4358** Planning and Administration of Child and Family Programs  
**CFS 4359** Parenting Theory and Approaches  
**CFS 4363** Middle Childhood and Adolescent Development  
**CFS 4390** Child and Family Studies Practicum  
**Required Courses in Other Fields**  
Complete 13 semester hours from the following:  
**BIO 2401** Human Anatomy and Physiology of Motion and Innervation  
**CLA 3381** Medical Terminology  
**PUBH 4321** Human Sexuality  
**PUBH 4327** Dying and Death Education  
**or SWO 4316** Trauma, Loss, and Mourning  
**Professional Electives**  
Select one of the following options:  
**Option 1**
Completed minor in a supporting area, such as Communication Sciences & Disorders, Educational Psychology, International Studies, Leadership Studies, Medical Humanities, Nutrition Sciences, Poverty Studies and Social Justice, Religion, and Women's and Gender Studies. No more than one course in the minor can count for any other area in the major or degree requirements. See individual minors for course and grade requirements. General electives hours may be required to complete some minors.

**Option 2**
Select 15 hours in addition to any courses selected in (B) above from the following:

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<td>BIO 2402</td>
<td>Human Anatomy and Physiology of Metabolism and Processing (Select 15 hours in addition to any courses selected above in &quot;Required Courses in Other Fields&quot; from the following.)</td>
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<td>LS 3305</td>
<td>Children's Literature</td>
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<td>LS 4320</td>
<td>Young People's Literature</td>
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<td>PUBH 3325</td>
<td>Maternal and Infant Health</td>
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<td>Cross-Cultural Ministry</td>
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<td>SOC 4353</td>
<td>Sociology of Medicine</td>
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<td>SOC 4357</td>
<td>Health Inequalities in America</td>
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**Option 3: Family Life Education Certification**
Complete the following courses to satisfy coursework requirements for certification in Family Life Education:

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<td>The Family: A Global Perspective</td>
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<td>CFS 4367</td>
<td>Family Transitions, Stress, and Resilience</td>
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<td>CFS 4357</td>
<td>Child and Family Policy and Advocacy</td>
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<td>or SWO 4322</td>
<td>Social Policy for Social Work Practice</td>
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Six additional hours of upper-level elective from Option 2

**HSD Core**

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<tr>
<td>HSD 1104</td>
<td>New Student Seminar in Human Sciences and Design</td>
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**Electives**

Semester hours to reach 124 minimum hours, if needed

A grade of "C" or better in Human Sciences and Design Courses (ADM, CFS, HSD, ID, or NUTR), required courses in other fields (section B above), and all professional electives used for the major.

An approved, on-site internship is required following the completion of prerequisite courses.

Students will need 50 – 100 volunteer hours of clinical experience, a Child Life practicum, a Child Life Internship, and a passing grade on the Child Life Certification exam to become a Child Life Specialist.

**Total Hours** 124

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1 The required, for-credit course, CFS 4390 Child and Family Studies Practicum (listed above), provides credit for the internship experience.

2 If this option is selected, CFS 4356 The Family: A Global Perspective cannot count as the Contemporary Social Issues course for basic studies.

3 HSD 1231 Design and Creative Technologies and NUTR 3314 Consumer Nutrition are included in basic studies courses above.

4 Students may complete CFS 4695 Internship in Child Life to satisfy some of these hours.