

CHILD ADVOCACY AND POLICY (B.A.)

There is an increasing demand for trained professionals who understand the complex challenges faced by today's children and their families, many of whom lack adequate access to education, healthcare, and other basic services. The Child Advocacy and Policy major provides students with an interdisciplinary foundation that incorporates the fields of psychology, social work, and the law, to prepare our graduates to serve vulnerable children and their families.

Our curriculum includes the following content areas:

- Child abuse and neglect, child protection, and the child welfare system
- Disparities, disproportionalities, and biases in human service work
- Trauma-informed care
- Aging out of foster care
- Child and human trafficking
- Undocumented, unaccompanied, and immigrant children
- LBGTQ youth needs and human service systems
- Juveniles in the criminal justice system
- Forensic interviewing of children
- Best approaches and practices to working with vulnerable children and families

In addition, all students complete an internship, which provides students with critical experience in the field and helps make them more competitive in the job market. We also expose students to current professionals in the field and provide them with job readiness preparation and job coaching.

The Child Advocacy and Policy curriculum equips graduates with advanced knowledge and skills to promote the well-being of children and their families in a variety of settings, including child welfare, healthcare, education, law enforcement, human trafficking, immigration, family violence, legislative staff, youth mentoring and other community-based organizations. Graduates generally pursue careers in the nonprofit sector, state agencies, county or local agencies, or school systems.

In addition to our major in Child Advocacy and Policy, the department offers minors in Child Advocacy and Policy and also, Social Work.

Degree Requirements Overview

Code	Title	Credits
	New Student Seminar	1
	SEEDS General Education	31-33
	Major Requirements	42
	Free Electives	46-44
	Total Credits	120

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
CHAD 100	Introduction to Child Advocacy and Policy	3
CHAD 200	Ecological Systems of the Developing Child	3
CHAD 201	Literacy in Child Advocacy and Policy	3
CHAD 202	Cultural Competencies in Child Welfare	3
CHAD 210	Child Abuse and Neglect	3
CHAD 212	Children and Justice	3
CHAD 300	Forensic Interviewing of Children	3
CHAD 302	Public Child Welfare	3
CHAD 310	Child Welfare Research and Evaluation	3
CHAD 330	Problems of Childhood: Advocacy and Intervention	3
CHAD 420	Practicum in Child Advocacy	3
CHAD 470	Senior Seminar in Child Advocacy	3
SOWK 325	Helping and Engagement Skills	3
Elective		
Select one of the following:		3
CHAD 312	Fatherhood	
CHAD 320	Children and the Law	
CHAD 340	Current Social Issues in Child Advocacy	
JURI 210	Perspectives on Law	
LAWS 302	Legal Research	
POLS 205	Introduction to Public Administration	
POLS 304	State and Local Government	
POLS 310	Public Personnel Administration	
Total Credits		42

New Student Seminar

Code	Title	Credits
Students in the Adult Learner program must take GNED 100.		
Complete one course from the following. Some courses may be restricted by major. Consult with an academic advisor.		1
ADVS 198	Pathways to Success	
CHEM 190	Freshman Seminar in Chemistry	
FYS 100	First Year Seminar	
GNED 100	Adult Academic Success Seminar	
GNED 199	New Student Seminar	
HPEM 199	Freshman Seminar in Health and Physical Education	
IDS 155	Pathways to Adult Learning	
JUST 199	New Student Seminar	
MATH 102	New Student Experience for Mathematical Sciences	
MUGN 199	Freshman Seminar for Music Majors	
NURS 199	Introduction to Nursing	
POLS 199	Freshman Seminar in Political Science and Law	

SEEDS General Education Requirements

Click here for a listing of courses that fulfill the SEEDS requirements. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/seeds-general-education-requirements/>)

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations		
<i>Effective Writing I</i>		
	Complete one Effective Writing I course.	3
<i>Effective Writing II</i>		
	Complete one Effective Writing II course.	3
<i>Interactive Communication</i>		
	Complete one Interactive Communication course.	3
<i>Quantitative Reasoning</i>		
	Complete one Quantitative Reasoning course.	3
<i>Political and Civic Life</i>		
	Complete one Political and Civic Life course.	3
<i>World Languages</i>		
	Complete two sequential classes in one World Language when starting at the Beginner I or Beginner II level. Complete one class when starting at the Intermediate/Advanced Level.	3-6
Exploration		
	Complete one course from four different Exploration categories.	12
<i>Analyzing Cultures and Societies</i>		
<i>Creative Expression</i>		
<i>Ethical Inquiry</i>		
<i>Historical Thinking</i>		
<i>Literary and Artistic Analysis</i>		
<i>Scientific Reasoning</i>		
Total Credits		30-33

Recommended Roadmap to Degree Completion

This recommended degree plan is provided as an outline for students to follow in order to complete their degree requirements within four years and 120 credits. This plan is a recommendation and MUST be used in consultation with their academic advisor. Important note: Students should be aware this plan assumes no pre-requisite coursework is required. If pre-requisite coursework is needed, students may have additional requirements to fulfill which do not appear on the plan.

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
New Student Seminar		1 SEEDS: Effective Writing II	3
SEEDS: Effective Writing I	3	SEEDS: Quantitative Reasoning	3
SEEDS: Interactive Communication	3	SEEDS: Exploration 2	3
SEEDS: Exploration 1	3	SEEDS: Exploration 3	3
SEEDS: Political and Civic Life	3	CHAD 201	3
CHAD 100	3		
		16	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SEEDS: Exploration 4	3	SEEDS: World Language 2 or Free Elective	3

SEEDS: World Language 1	3	CHAD 202	3
CHAD 200	3	CHAD 212	3
CHAD 210	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
		15	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CHAD 300	3	CHAD 302	3
Major Elective	3	CHAD 330	3
Free Elective	3	SOWK 325	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CHAD 310	3	CHAD 470	3
CHAD 420	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	2
		15	14

Total Credits 120