

# CHILD MALTREATMENT AND ADVOCACY STUDIES, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

## Program Description

The Intercollege minor in Child Maltreatment and Advocacy Studies is designed for students who wish to supplement their academic majors with studies in child protection and well-being. The minor provides students with a broad and interdisciplinary introduction to child maltreatment and serves to establish foundational knowledge of the history and etiology of child maltreatment, the structure and administration of child protective service systems, and the identification, investigation, treatment, and prevention of child maltreatment. Students completing this minor will have an understanding of the issues surrounding child maltreatment and advocacy and will be better prepared for professions across a variety of settings that serve children. To meet a diverse range of student interests, four core courses (12 credits) establish foundational knowledge in child maltreatment and advocacy and two elective courses (6 credits) offer opportunities for students to select course options aligned with their professional goals. A capstone course involving field work, research, or other relevant work is required.

## You Might Like This Program If...

The CMAS minor is an interdisciplinary minor designed to allow students majoring in any discipline (ie: BBH, CN ED, CRIM, ED PSY, HDFS NURSING, PSYCH, RHS, and SOC) to enhance their knowledge/professional skills to work in any profession that serves and protects children.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILD MALTREATMENT AND ADVOCACY STUDIES MINOR (<https://www.solutionsnetwork.psu.edu/education/education-child-maltreatment-and-advocacy-studies-minor-overview/>)

## Program Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Requirements for the Minor	18

For the minor in Child Maltreatment and Advocacy Studies a minimum of 18 credits are required.

## Requirements for the Minor

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10>). In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student's major(s).

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
CMAS 258		3
CMAS 465	Child Maltreatment: Prevention and Treatment	3
CMAS 466	Systems and Community Responses	3

CMAS 493	Child Maltreatment and Advocacy Studies: Capstone Experience	3
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### Supporting Courses and Related Areas

*Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better*

Select 6 credits of the following: 6

BBH 146	Introduction to Health and Human Sexuality	
BBH 446	Human Sexuality as a Health Concern	
CNED 422	Foundations of Addictions Counseling	
CNED 431	Counseling and Teaching Youth at Risk	
CRIM 12	Criminology	
CRIM 422	Victimization	
CRIM 423	Sexual and Domestic Violence	
CRIM 441	The Juvenile Justice System	
EDPSY 10	Individual Differences and Education	
HDFS 129	Introduction to Human Development and Family Studies	
HDFS 229	Infant and Child Development	
HDFS 239	Adolescent Development	
HDFS 432	Developmental Problems in Childhood and Adolescence	
HDFS 453	Family Participation and Involvement in Child Services	
HDFS 455	Development and Administration of Human Services Programs	
NURS 111		
NURS 230	Introduction to the Fundamentals of Nursing	
NURS 245	Violence and the Impact on Society	
NURS 409	Introduction to Forensic Nursing	
PSYCH 231	Introduction to the Psychology of Gender	
PSYCH 243	Introduction to Well-being and Positive Psychology	
PSYCH 270	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology	
PSYCH 421	Self and Social Judgment	
PSYCH 436	Humanistic, Existential, and Religious Approaches to Psychology	
PSYCH 476	Child Psychopathology	
RHS 300	Introduction to Rehabilitation and Human Services	
RHS 301	Introduction to Counseling as a Profession	
RHS 400W	Case Management and Communication Skills	
RHS 401	Community Mental Health Practice and Services	
RHS 402	Children and Families in Rehabilitation Settings and Human Services	
SOC 5	Social Problems	
SOC 430	Family in Cross-Cultural Perspective	

## Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The

advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

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## Career Paths

The minor in Child Maltreatment and Advocacy Studies provides broad, foundational knowledge on the protection of children that is applicable to multiple educational and career pathways. Students receive both academic knowledge and real-world internship experiences that offer them a chance to explore potential career interests working with children or adolescents. With this minor, students set themselves up for career and educational success with specific, marketable skills in the detection, treatment, and prevention of child maltreatment.

## Careers

The broad overview of child protection and advocacy including detection, treatment, and prevention of child maltreatment that you will receive gives you a better understanding to work in professions involving children to include, but not limited to: counseling, law enforcement, health, research, social work, education, forensic sciences, child welfare, and law.

## Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Child protection and advocacy studies are relevant to masters and doctoral graduate programs across many academic disciplines, including Clinical Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Human Development and Family Studies, Social Work, Sociology, Nursing, Pediatrics, Criminology, Forensic Psychology, and Education, among others.

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