

## Child & Adolescent Studies: Are you in the right major?

The BS in CAS provides an integrative, interdisciplinary study of children (from conception through adolescence), families, and the contexts that influence development. The major includes 9 core classes (27 units) taken by all students. This broad background makes CAS a good foundation for a variety of professions.

In addition to the core, the CAS major includes 4 concentrations. Each concentration provides an additional 8 classes (24 units), focused on building specific expertise with particular populations and settings.

# CAS Concentrations: What are they about?

## Early Childhood Development

### CHAE

This concentration emphasizes the development of children through age 8, as well as the education and socialization of children during that period.

## Elementary School Settings

### CHAS

This concentration emphasizes the development, education, and socialization of children in elementary school settings (including both general and special education).

## Adolescent & Youth Devel.

### CHAY

This concentration emphasizes the development, social interaction, and identity of tweens, teens, and young adults.

## Family & Community Context

### CHAF

This concentration emphasizes the bidirectional influence of children and their families, as well as the effects of demographic context, culture, and intervention on families.

# CAS Concentrations:

## Are you in the right concentration?

### Early Childhood Development

#### CHAE

Stop here if you want to be an Infant/Toddler or Preschool Teacher or an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher

Pause here if you want to be a TK, Kinder or 1st-grade teacher, see an advisor about the difference between CHAE & CHAS.

### Elementary School Settings

#### CHAS

Stop here if you want to be a K-6th grade Teacher and plan to pursue a Multiple-Subject Credential or a TK-12th Special Education (SPED) Teacher and plan to pursue a Mild/Mod or Extensive Support Credential

### Adolescent & Youth Development

#### CHAY

Stop here if you want to be a Middle School or High School Teacher and plan to pursue a Single Subject Credential or plan to work with youth in a community setting or plan to attend a graduate studies program with a focus on adolescents.

Pause here if you plan to do counseling or social work, see an advisor about the difference between CHAY & CHAF.

### Family & Community Context

#### CHAF

Stop here if you plan to work in a community setting (ABA, Child Life Specialist), or preparing for graduate work in counseling, social work or related fields.