

Department of Child & Family Studies

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What is Child & Family Studies?

The major of Child and Family Studies contributes to the well-being of individuals and families across the course of life and in diverse contexts by generating knowledge, by preparing specialists for research, teaching, leadership, and professional practice, and by strengthening the relationships between research, practice, and policy.

The Child Developmental Studies program is designed to prepare students for research, college-level teaching, and professional positions that relate to the development of children and adolescents.

The Family Studies program focuses on how family relationships develop and change, with particular attention to influences in the larger environment such as gender, age, historical period, birth cohort, ethnicity and socioeconomic status.

[Child & Family Studies at Kyung Hee](#)

Kyung Hee University has a strong tradition of research and practice in Child & Family Studies, widely regarded as a leader in the field. Our academic programs prepare specialists in the Child & Family Studies field. Faculty conduct significant research on a range of critical issues facing children and families in today's society.

The Child & Family Studies major pursues three educational goals: first, training students to be professionals in a variety of agencies and organizations serving children, second, training students to be specialists in family research, family policy, family life education, and family therapy, and third, training students to be teachers in child care settings and in middle and high schools.

Degree Requirements

To receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Child & Family Studies, all students are required to:

- complete a minimum of 130 credit units
- satisfy the general requirements of the School for professional degrees
- complete 15 units of required courses
- complete 45 units of Electives for Child & Family Studies
- complete 35 units (maximum 56 units) stated in the common studies program and Humanities/Social Science Electives
- complete a practicum and thesis

Courses

Year 1

Human and Living Environment, Consumers in Contemporary Society, Infant Development, Young Children Development, Sexuality & Love, Korean Family Culture, Child Welfare

Year 2

Introduction to Early Childhood Education and Care, Play for Young Children, Counseling Psychology, Family Relationships, Gerontology, Future of Child and the Family, Teaching Methods in Early Childhood Education and Care, Math Education for Young Children, Science for Young Children, Mental Health Issues, Family Welfare, Family

Education

Year 3

Family Strengths, Parents Education, Early Childhood Education and Care Curriculum, Family Therapy, Research Methods in Human Life Science, Observation & Research of Children's Behavior, Marital Therapy, Internship, Children's Literature, Health Education for Young Children, Lesson Plan for Teaching Materials, Logics and Essay

Year 4

Graduation Thesis, Psychological Test, Practicum in Early Childhood Education and Care, Family Policies, Family Strengths Practicum, Family life Education, Family Studies, Early Childhood Teacher Education

Careers and Graduate Destinations

Careers in the Child & Family Studies offer the chance to make a difference in the lives of many people, young and old. The goal is to help young children get off to a good start in life, provide support for families during difficult times, and enable senior citizens to make the most of their lives. Regardless of how Child & Family Studies graduates apply their knowledge and skills, they will find many outlets to do their part in making the world a better place.

Students gain knowledge and skills for a variety of careers in education and intervention programs for young children and their families. Graduates are prepared to be teachers in child care centers and preschools. This major also prepares students for careers in community-based programs, mental health agencies, institutes for family research, and family therapy centers. Possible careers upon completion of a degree in Child & Family Studies include family case manager, juvenile probation officer, intake coordinator, child life specialist, child abuse specialist, social services director, and family support worker.

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