

Child Advocacy Studies Minor

The undergraduate minor in Child Advocacy Studies (CAST) is an interdisciplinary program requiring 12 credits of training in Child Advocacy Studies. The CAST minor encompasses a group of courses focused on children, youth, and traumatic stress. The CAST minor is appropriate for students who want to explore working in a variety of professional settings with children and adolescents, many of whom may have experienced trauma.

Most courses required by the minor in Child Advocacy Studies have prerequisites. Some students may satisfy prerequisites by virtue of their prior curriculum. When this is not the case, students are responsible for satisfying the prerequisites. All required courses must be taken in residence at UM-St. Louis.

CAST 1000	Introduction to Child Advocacy Studies	3
CAST 2100	Communication in Child Advocacy	3
CAST 2275	The Ethics, Values, and Policy of Child Advocacy	3
CAST/PSYCH 3290	Traumatic Stress in Childhood and Adolescence	3
Total Hours		12

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate the ethical behavior and values of their discipline in the context of traumatic stress.
- Integrate the current fund of traumatic stress knowledge into their professional role.
- Generate effective responses to traumatic stress and child maltreatment using trauma-informed decision-making processes.
- Create trauma-sensitive relationships with diverse consumers.
- Interact effectively with professionals across multiple disciplines.
- Communicate effectively with the community about traumatic stress and child maltreatment.