

# Child Advocacy Studies Minor

## Minor in Child Advocacy Studies

The undergraduate minor in Child Advocacy Studies (CAST) is an interdisciplinary program requiring 15 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.

### Required courses:

PSYCH/CAST 3290	1	3
PSYCH/SOC WK/CAST 4398	Child Maltreatment: A Multidisciplinary Approach <sup>1</sup>	3
CAST 4498	Forensic Investigation of Child Abuse	3
or CAST 4598	Child Abuse Assessment and Intervention	

### Electives 6

#### Please choose two of the following:

CAST 4498	Forensic Investigation of Child Abuse (if course not used above)
CAST 4598	Child Abuse Assessment and Intervention (if course not used above)
CRIMIN 2251	Youth Gangs
CRIMIN 3230	Crime Prevention
CRIMIN 3270	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
CRIMIN/GS 4330	Violence Against Women
CRIMIN 4350	Victimology
CNS ED 3200	Interpersonal Skills in Helping Relationships
ED PSY 3312	Psychology of Learning, Instruction, and Assessment
ECH ED 3350	Family and Professional Partnerships within School/Community
GS 2102	Introduction To Gender Studies
GS/SOC WK 4610	Intimate Partner Violence
POL SCI 2260	Law, Politics and Society
PSYCH 2200	Drugs and Behavior
PSYCH 2270	Developmental Psychology: Infancy, Childhood and Adolescence
PSYCH/GS 3232	Psychology of Trauma
PSYCH 3340	Clinical Problems of Childhood
PSYCH 4305	Developmental Psychology: Cognitive Development of Children

SOC 4312	Sociology of Wealth and Poverty
SOC 4356	
SOC WK 4110	Social Work Practice with Families and Groups
SOC WK 4620	Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders

**Total Hours 15**

## 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.