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 3
- CAST 4498 3
- or CAST 4598

Electives 6

Please choose two of the following:
- CAST 4498
- CAST 4598
- CRIMIN 2251
- CRIMIN 3230
- CRIMIN 3270
- CRIMIN/GS 4330
- CRIMIN 4350
- CNS ED 3200
- ED PSY 3312
- ECH ED 3350
- GS 2102
- GS/SOC WK 4610
- POL SCI 2260
- PSYCH 2200
- PSYCH 2270
- PSYCH/GS 3232
- PSYCH 3340
- PSYCH 4305

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.