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:

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<td>PSYCH/CAST 3290</td>
<td>Traumatic Stress in Childhood and Adolescence 1</td>
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<td>PSYCH/SOC WK/CAST 4398</td>
<td>Child Maltreatment: A Multidisciplinary Approach 1</td>
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<td>CAST 4498</td>
<td>Forensic Investigation of Child Abuse</td>
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<td>or CAST 4598</td>
<td>Child Abuse Assessment and Intervention</td>
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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)

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.