



Early Childcare and Development, BS

The following guide is for students matriculating in or before the academic year **2026-2027**. Official degree requirements can be found at <https://catalog.okstate.edu/degree-programs/>.

This plan may be adjusted based on individual needs, please consult with your academic advisor.

NOTE: This degree plan does not lead to Teacher Certification.

Minimum Overall GPA: 2.50

Total Hours: 120

General Education Requirements (40 hours)

ENGL 1113 Composition I
ENGL 1213 Composition II
HIST 1103 Survey of American History or HIST 1483 American History to 1865 (H) or HIST 1493 American History Since 1865 (DH)
POLS 1113 American Government
3 hour Course Designated - (Q) Quantitative Thought & Logical Reasoning
3 hour Course Designated - (H) Human Heritage & Cultures
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3 hour Course Designated - (N) Natural Science Reasoning
4 hour Course Designated - (LN) Natural Science Reasoning with Lab
3 hour Course Designated - (S) Exploring Society & Human Behavior
3 hour Course Designated - (D) Diversity
3 hour Course Designated - (G) Global Cultural Competency
3 hour Additional Course(s) Designated - (Q), (H), (N), (S), (D), (G), or (F)

College/Departmental Requirements (5 hours)

UNIV 1111 First Year Seminar
EDHS 3111 Preparing for Your Future Career
HDFS 2113 Lifespan Human Development (S)

Electives (27 hours)

3 hour Controlled Elective
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It is required that you complete the courses listed above before you move into the core ECCD courses on the following page (with few exceptions, at the discretion of your academic advisor). HDFS 2113 will be taken before or within the first term of other HDFS courses.

EARLY CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT IDEA PROGRAM

The Interactive Distance Education Alliance (IDEA) is a consortium of public universities. This program offers a degree completion program called ONLINE EARLY CARE & EDUCATION FOR A MOBILE SOCIETY. At OSU, we call this degree the Bachelor of Science in Early Child Care and Development. As an Oklahoma State University student you will enroll in courses, pay tuition, and receive grades on your OSU transcript like all other OSU-Stillwater students.

However, you will access some classes through different universities [learning management systems](#).

For more information about this program visit: <https://www.idea.edu/program/early-care-and-education-in-a-mobile-society>

Course Attribute Guide: (Q) Quantitative Thought & Logical Reasoning; (H) Understanding Humanities – Human Heritage & Cultures; (S) Exploring Society & Human Behavior; (N) Reasoning in the Natural Sciences; (L) Laboratory-Based Inquiry; (D) Diversity; (G) Global Cultural Competency; (F) Fine Arts & Languages

YEAR 3, FALL SEMESTER (12 hours)

HDFS 3023 Child Development – Birth to 3 [Fall Only]
HDFS 3043 Professional Development for Early Childhood Educators (also offered in spring semester) [To be taken with HDFS 3023 or HDFS 3033]
HDFS 3263 Curriculum Development for Children Ages Birth to 3 [Fall Only]
HDFS 3283 Assessing Young Children & their Environments to Enhance Development [Fall Only]

YEAR 3, SPRING SEMESTER (12 hours)

HDFS 3033 Child Development – 4 to 8 [Spring Only]
HDFS 3053 Child Guidance and Classroom Environments [Spring Only]
HDFS 3273 Curriculum Development for Children Ages 4-8 [Spring Only]
HDFS 3323 Diversity in the Lives of Young Children and Families [Spring Only]

YEAR 3, SUMMER SEMESTER (6 hours)

HDFS 3063 Health, Safety and Nutrition [Summer Only]
HDFS 3333 Working with Families [Summer Only]

YEAR 4, FALL SEMESTER (9-12 hours)

HDFS 3293 Understanding and Adapting for Developmental Differences [Fall Only]
HDFS 3313 Technology and Young Children [Fall Only]
HDFS 4023 Practicum Experiences with Young Children – 36 field experience hours (also offered in spring semester)
--- Could use 3 hours of Controlled Elective here to make 12 hours.

YEAR 4, SPRING SEMESTER (9 hours)

HDFS 3303 Administration and Supervision in Early Childhood Settings (take with Capstone) [Spring Only]
HDFS 4036 ECCD Senior Capstone [Experience] - 108 field experience hours (also offered in spring semester)

Prior to enrolling in an OSU math class, you will need to complete the Math Placement Exam to ensure success in your first math course. The OSU Math Placement Exam is designed to find the strengths and weaknesses of your mathematical knowledge, report results to you, and then, if necessary, provide you with online learning modules for improving your knowledge to prepare for the appropriate course.

Math Placement Exam: <https://go.okstate.edu/admissions/orientation-and-enrollment/math-placement>

Official degree requirements can be found at <https://catalog.okstate.edu/education-human-sciences/human-development-family-science/child-family-services-bs/>

* This is a PLANNING tool, NOT a guaranteed enrollment plan. Please review your official Degree Sheet and Degree Works Audit for graduation requirements.

Other Requirements:

- 1) 45 hours of upper-division course work
- 2) Transfer Admission Requirements: 2.00 GPA for less than 31 hours; 2.25 GPA for 31-45 hours; 2.50 GPA for more than 45 hours.
- 3) Required for graduation:
 - a) 2.50 Overall GPA; and
 - b) 2.50 GPA in Major Requirements and College/Departmental Requirements

Additional State/OSU Requirements:

- At least: 60 hours at a four-year institution; 30 hours completed at OSU; 15 of the final 30 or 50% of the upper-division hours in the major field completed at OSU.
- Limit of: one-half of major course requirements as transfer work; one fourth of hours earned by correspondence; 8 transfer correspondence hours.
- Students will be held responsible for degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation and any changes that are made, so long as these changes do not result in semester credit hours being added or do not delay graduation.
- Degrees that follow this plan must be completed by the end of Summer 2032.