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OTC Associate of Arts in General Studies

to

MSU Bachelor of Science in Child and Family Development- Child Life option

Available on campus only.

Comprehensive major - does not require a minor or second major.

OTC Year 1 Semester 1

Admission requirements to Child Life include: a one page essay describing your interest in a career to become a Child Life Specialist and the role of a Child Life Specialist, a 3.0 cumulative GPA, 100 hours of verified volunteer experience in a hospital setting, and two letters of recommendation - one must be from the hospital volunteer site. Applications must be submitted by February 1st prior to junior year (during year 2 semester 4 while you are still at OTC).

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	OTC COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALENT	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
Personal and Professional Growth Requirement	Choose one Personal and Professional Growth course.		3	Varies	
Written Communications	Choose one:		3-5	ENG 110	
	ENG 100 ENG 101	Composition I with Support Composition I			
Social/Behavioral Sciences	PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 121	✓
Mathematical Sciences	Choose one:		3-4	MTH 130	
	MTH 128 MTH 128(S)	Contemporary Math Contemporary Math with Support			
Humanities and Fine Arts	Choose one Humanities and Fine Arts course.		3	Varies	
Semester 1 Total			15-19		

OTC Year 1 Semester 2

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	OTC COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALENT	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
Social/Behavioral Science	PSY 130	Life Span Development Psychology (C or higher)	3	CFD 155	✓
Humanities and Fine Arts	Choose one Humanities and Fine Arts course.		3	Varies	
Oral Communications	Choose one Oral Communications course.		3	Varies	
Natural Sciences	BIO 100	Life Science	4	BIO 101 & BIO 111	✓
Written Communications	Choose one:		3	ENG 210 ENG 221	
	ENG 102 ENG 150	Composition II Technical Writing			
Semester 2 Total			16		

OTC Year 2 Semester 3

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	OTC COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALENT	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
Natural Sciences	Choose one Natural Sciences course.		3	Varies	
Humanities and Fine Arts	Choose one Humanities and Fine Arts course.		3	Varies	
Social/Behavioral Sciences	Choose one:		3	PLS 101 HST 121 HST 122	
	PLS 101 HST 120 HST 130	American Government and Politics U.S. History I to 1865 U.S. History II since 1865			
Institutional Elective	ECD 101	Foundations of Early Childhood (C or higher)	3	ECD 101+ECD 135=CFD 160	✓
Institutional Elective	ECD 135	Practicum I (C or higher)	3		
Semester 3 Total			15		

OTC Year 2 Semester 4

Apply to MSU your last semester at OTC by January 1st to start at MSU in fall. Apply to the Child Life program by February 1st year 2 semester 4, while still at OTC, in order to begin Child Life courses upon transfer. Applications are only accepted for this program once per year. Failure to complete admit to Child Life requirements and the application by February 1st year 2 semester 4, will result in a delay of graduation. Contact an MSU advisor for help with the Child Life application process.

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	OTC COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALENT	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
Institutional Elective	ECD 110	Early Childhood Growth and Development (C or higher)	3	ECD 110+ ECD 185= CFD 260	✓
Institutional Elective	ECD 185	Practicum II (C or higher)	3		
Elective	ECD 165	Family and Community in Early Childhood (C or higher)	3	CFD 163	✓
Core Elective	Choose a MOTR coded elective in consultation with your advisor.		3	Varies	
Core Elective	Choose a MOTR coded elective in consultation with your advisor.		2	Varies	
Semester 4 Total			14	Total MSU	22
Total Hours at OTC			60-64	Major Hours:	

*CFD Coursework must have a C or higher but the Child Life program application requires an overall GPA of 3.0.



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MSU Year 3 Semester 1

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS
Major Requirement	CFD 150	Introduction to Child and Family Development	1
Major Requirement	CFD 110	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
Major Requirement	LLT 102	Scientific and Medical Terminology	2
Major Requirement	CFD 353 (FA Only)	Childhood Illnesses, Injuries, Diseases, and Disorders	3
Major Requirement	CFD 354 (FA Only)	Working with the Hospitalized Child	4
Major Requirement	CFD 301	Play as Development	3
Semester 1 Total			16

MSU Year 3 Semester 2

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS
Major Requirement	CFD 557/657	Growth and Development: Middle Childhood to Adolescence	3
Major Requirement	CFD 305	Multicultural Studies in Child and Family Development □	3
Major Requirement	CFD 454 (SP Only)	Therapeutic Play Activities for Hospitalized Children	3
Major Requirement	CFD 366	Preparation for the Professional Internship	1
Major Requirement	CFD 580/680	Introduction to Research in Child and Family Development	3
Major Elective	CFD 306 (SP Only)	Death, Separation, and Loss	3
Semester 2 Total			13

MSU Year 3 Summer

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS
Major Requirement	CFD 499	Practicum in Child and Family Development	3
Semester 2 Total			3

MSU Year 4 Semester 3

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS
Major Requirement	CFD 510/610 (FA Only)	Child Life Theory and Practice	3
Major Requirement	CFD 563/663	Administration of Programs for Children and Families	3
Major Requirement	IPE 599	Health Literacy in the Human Services	3
Major Requirement	CFD 455	Infants and Toddlers: Development and Program Planning (with lab)	4
Major Requirement	CFD 560/660	Family Engagement	3
Major Requirement	CFD 562	Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect	3
Semester 3 Total			16

MSU Year 4 Semester 4

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS
Major Requirement	CFD 466	Internship in Programs for Children, Youth, Adults, and Families	6
Semester 4 Total			6
Total Hours at MSU			60
Total Hours Overall			120-124

** Electives provide the opportunity to customize your degree program. Some elective credits may or may not be needed to bring total credit hours to a minimum of 120 credit hours and upper division hours (300+) to 40.

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This information is provided as a guide only.

- OTC students are strongly encouraged to meet with their major specific MSU transfer advisor early in their OTC education to discuss the most appropriate OTC coursework for their intended MSU major, MSU degree requirements, etc.
- Students are required to fulfill MSU graduation and GPA requirements to receive a degree and should consult with their MSU advisor and the MSU undergraduate catalog for details, as there may exist pre-requisite requirements as well as periodicity limitations that could affect scheduling sequences.
- Please note that transfer students from Missouri public colleges and universities may follow the general education and general baccalaureate degree requirements in effect at Missouri State when they first enrolled (or re-enrolled after an absence of one calendar year or more) as degree-seeking students at the institutions from which they transferred (e.g., OTC).

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