An interdisciplinary minor which is a joint effort of the colleges of Arts and Sciences; Education and Human Ecology; Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences; and Social Work.

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Purpose: This interdisciplinary minor is designed to provide students with knowledge and skills about youth development principles, processes, and practices. Students with career interests in youth services and education (non-formal and formal) are ideal candidates. This minor will prepare students for careers in schools, residential treatment centers, after-school programs, and organizations such as Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCAs, FFA, Scouts, 4-H, and youth sport organizations.

Requirements and Responsibilities: This minor is appropriate for students in all majors at OSU. All course prerequisites must be met. HDFS 364 (Lifespan Human Development) or Psych 340 (Lifespan Developmental Psychology) are recommended to take for foundational purposes. A minor consists of a minimum of 24 – 26 hours as follows:

Required Courses (19-21 credit hours):
Choose one: HDFS 362 (4), HDFS 570 (3), PSYCH 551 (5)

Take all four: AEE 642 (3), AEE 643 (3), PAES 542 (5), SOCWORK 310 (5)

Electives (at least 5 credits):

Youth Development Minor program guidelines

The following guidelines govern the Youth Development minor.

Required for graduation
No

Credit hours required
A minimum of 24-26

Transfer credit hours allowed
A maximum of 10

Overlap with the GEC
Permitted as student's college allows

Overlap with the major
Not allowed unless the minimum number of hours required in the major is met.

Overlap between minors
Each minor completed must contain 12 unique hours.

Grades required
• Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
• Minimum 2.0 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
• Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

Approval required
The minor program description sheet indicates if the minor course work must be approved by a college/school counselor

Filing the minor program form
A minor should be declared before accumulating 90 hours and the Minor Program Form must be filed at least two quarters prior to graduation.

Changing the minor
Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by a college/school counselor