Youth Development Minor (YTHDEV-MN)

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 and out-of-school organizations such as Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCAs, FFA, 4-H, and various youth sport organizations and through other employers such as city governments, parks, recreation centers, and after-school programs. The Youth Development minor would also be valuable for students pursuing careers serving youth populations, from hospitals to residential treatment centers.

Requirements and Responsibilities: This minor is appropriate for students in all majors at the Ohio State University. All course prerequisites must be met. HDFS 2400 (Lifespan Human Development) or PSYCH 3340 (Lifespan Developmental Psychology) are recommended to take for foundational purposes. A minor consists of a minimum of 16 credit hours.

Required Courses (13 credits):
Select one of these two courses:
HDFS 2420 (3)
PSYCH 3551 (3)

Take all three of these courses:
COMLDR 5350 (4)
KNPE 2542 (3)
SOCWORK 2110 (3)

Electives (at least 3 credits):
AFAMAST 2290 (3)
ANTHROP 5630 (3)
COMM 4401 (3)
ESEPSY 5401 (3)
HDFS 5350 (3), 5892 (3)
KNPE 2262 (3)
KNSISM 4245 (3)
PSYCH 4555 (3), 5684 (3)
SOCIOL 2310 (3), 4511 (3)
SOCWORK 3597 (3)

At least six credits must be at the 3000 level or above.

Youth Development minor program guidelines

The following guidelines govern this minor:

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 16 credit hours. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credit hours must be at the 3000-level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)
• The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
• The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required
• Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the minor.
• Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
• Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count in the minor.
• No more than 3 credit hours of course graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Minor approval Not required as long as students complete the courses as indicated on the minor program description.

Filing the minor program form The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by filing a petition for change in the minor through the academic unit offering the minor.