



Minor in

# CHILD ADVOCACY STUDIES

## UPSTATE

University of South Carolina

The Minor in Child Advocacy Studies is offered to students majoring in a variety of disciplines, such as psychology, criminal justice, sociology, interdisciplinary studies, education, and nursing. It prepares students for work with children and strengthens their credentials as they seek employment or admission to graduate school. The Minor is housed under the Department of Psychology but is attractive to any student who plans a career in a field working with children.

### **The Center for Child Advocacy Studies**

The Center for Child Advocacy Studies provides supportive resources to students in the minor as well as:

- Community Outreach
- Community Resources
- Professional Education/Training
- Networking
- Research
- Opportunities to serve – CAST Club
- Policy – Advocate legislation and programs to promote healthy environments for children to end child abuse and neglect



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### Internship Opportunities

Students with a minor in Child Advocacy are required to complete a three-credit hour internship. The students will have hands-on internship opportunities that are available through numerous agencies working directly with child welfare, such as the Department of Social Services (DSS), the Child Advocacy Center (CAC), First Steps Early Head Start, Pendleton Place for Children and Families, The Boys and Girls Club and various Spartanburg School Districts. The internships are a great opportunity for students to get experience in fields that they are interested in pursuing.

### Career Opportunities

A minor in Child Advocacy Studies will provide valuable training for students who are seeking professional careers in child welfare, law enforcement, counseling, and other careers working with children.

### Coursework

The minor in Child Advocacy is a 21-hour interdisciplinary program. The course requirements are as follows:

#### Required Courses

CAST U301: Introduction to Child Maltreatment	3
CAST U401: Child Advocacy I: System Responses to Child Maltreatment	3
CAST U402: Child Advocacy II: Prevention and Intervention Strategies	3
CAST U499: Child Advocacy Internship	3

#### Choose one of the following courses 3

PSYC U101: Introduction to Psychology
SOCY U101: Introduction to Sociology
CRJU U101: Introduction to Criminal Justice

#### Course Options

##### Choose two of the following courses 6

PSYC U302: Developmental Psychology
SOCY U341: Sociology of Families
CRJU U343: Juvenile Justice System
CRJU U350: Victimology
CRJU U382: Women and Crime
CRJU U384: Child Sexual Exploitation
CRJU U325: Criminal Trial Practice
WGST U345: Girls Studies
CAST U398: Topics in Child Advocacy (may be repeated when topics vary)

#### Total Hours Required 21

*Minimum grade of C is required for all coursework.*

