Center for the Humanities

The Center for the Humanities, in partnership with the College of Arts and Sciences, offers the Merle Kling Undergraduate Honors Fellowship Program Seminar for juniors and seniors who apply to the program as second-semester sophomores. The Center also occasionally offers small freshman and sophomore seminars promoting humanistic thinking and preparing students for upper-level programs and research opportunities across Arts & Sciences.

The Minor in Children’s Studies is housed in the Center for the Humanities. In the Children’s Studies Minor, students learn about children and childhood while drawing on the expertise of departments and programs from across Arts & Sciences. Children’s Studies minors will develop a sophisticated interdisciplinary understanding of childhood and the issues surrounding the treatment and status of children throughout history. The minor combines social science courses that measure and analyze how children mature and how institutions have affected children with courses in the humanities that examine how children are portrayed and constructed in art, literature and film. Thus, a minor in Children’s Studies will supplement students’ majors while exposing them to an interconnected set of ideas about children as objects and subjects in a variety of essential disciplines.

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The Center for the Humanities does not offer a major. Please visit the Minors page for information about Washington University’s Minor in Children’s Studies, which is housed by the Center.

The Minor in Children’s Studies

New requirements: for students entering WU in Fall 2014 and after:

Units required: 16

Required courses (4 units):

- ChSt 300 Interdisciplinary Introduction to Children’s Studies 3
- ChSt 499 Senior Seminar in Children’s Studies - to be offered beginning in AY 2015-16 1

Core courses (6 units):

- ChSt 236 Cultural History of the American Teenager 3
- ChSt 313B Education, Childhood and Society 3
- ChSt 321 Developmental Psychology 3
- ChSt 334 A History of the Golden Age of Children’s Literature 3

Six additional units from either the core list or from elective courses, including but not limited to:

- ChSt 178 Imagining and Creating Africa: Youth, Culture and Social Change 3
- ChSt 301C The American School 3
- ChSt 304 Educational Psychology 3
- ChSt 316F Rediscovering the Child: Interdisciplinary Workshops in an Urban Middle School 3
- ChSt 316W Girls’ Fiction From Little Goody Two-Shoes to Nancy Drew 3
- ChSt 325 Psychology of Adolescence 3
- ChSt 3270 Comics, Graphic Novels, and Sequential Art 3
- ChSt 331 Topics in Holocaust Studies: Children in the Shadow of the Swastika 3
- ChSt 341 Children and Childhood in World Religions 3
- ChSt 342 Childhood, Culture and Religion in Medieval Europe and the Mediterranean World 3
- ChSt 3620 Anthropological Perspectives on the Fetus 3
- ChSt 381 Banned Books 3
- ChSt 385 Narratives of Childhood 3
- ChSt 3ABR Children’s Studies Course Work Completed Abroad 3
- ChSt 400 Independent Work in Children’s Studies up to 3
- ChSt 4046 Developmental Neuropsychology 3
- ChSt 453B Sociology of Education 3
- ChSt 4591 The Development of Social Cognition 3
- ChSt 4608 The Education of Black Children and Youth in the United States 3
- ChSt 481 History of Education in the United States 3

Old Requirements: for students entering WU before Fall 2014:

Units required: 15

Required course (3 units):

- CFH 300a Interdisciplinary Introduction to Children’s Studies 3

Core courses (6 units):

- CFH 100B Introduction to Psychology 3
- CFH 321 Developmental Psychology 3
- CFH 334 History of Golden Age of Children’s Literature 3
- CFH 313A Education Childhood and Society 3

Plus 6 additional units from either the core list or from elective courses (see above for a list of recently offered electives).

Additional Information

The most up-to-date list of approved electives (applying to both sets of requirements) is located on the Children’s Studies
undergraduate bulletin 2014-15
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Minor website. Courses not on that list may be used to fulfill the requirements of the minor only if they have been approved by the student’s minor adviser and/or by the Academic Coordinator.

A maximum of 3 units of course work completed at another university, whether in the United States or abroad, may be applied toward the minor. Credit will be awarded only to those courses that have been approved by the student’s minor adviser and/or by the Academic Coordinator.

Under Arts & Sciences policy, this minor must have 12 units independent of any other majors or minors.

Under the Center for the Humanities (L56) designation, our courses have included:

CFH 101 Freshman Seminar: The Humanities: What They Are, Where They Are Going, and Why They Still Matter 3
CFH 102 Freshman Seminar: The Clash of Cultures: The Humanities in an Age of Science 3
CFH 121 Freshman Seminar: Blood, God and Country: American Soldiers as Writers 3
CFH 150 Freshman Seminar: Rattle and Hum: Reading Music in Literature 3
CFH 201 Bridging The Gap: The Scholar as Leader and Activist 2
CFH 202 Human Versus Computer: How Humanities and Technologies Are Changing Each Other 3
CFH 400W Merle Kling Undergraduate Honors Fellowship Seminar 3

Under the Children’s Studies (L66) designation, our courses include:

ChSt 178 Imagining and Creating Africa: Youth, Culture and Social Change 3
ChSt 236 Cultural History of the American Teenager 3
ChSt 299 Internship in Children’s Studies up to 3
ChSt 300 Interdisciplinary Introduction to Children’s Studies 3
ChSt 301C The American School 3
ChSt 304 Educational Psychology 3
ChSt 313B Education, Childhood and Society 3
ChSt 314 Children’s Literature Since World War II: From E.B. White to J.K. Rowling 3
ChSt 316F Rediscovering the Child: Interdisciplinary Workshops in an Urban Middle School 3
ChSt 316W Girls’ Fiction From Little Goody Two-Shoes to Nancy Drew 3
ChSt 3195 Abnormal Child Psychology 3
ChSt 321 Developmental Psychology 3