Children's Studies

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, especially the departments of Education, English, and Psychological & Brain 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. The minor in children's studies is housed in the Washington University Center for the Humanities.

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