



Children's Studies Program

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COURSE SELECTION ADVICE: FIRST-YEAR CHILDREN'S STUDIES MAJORS AND MINORS, FALL 2016

Please see the appropriate advising checklist at <http://chst.huma.laps.yorku.ca/advising/checklists/> that shows all degree requirements "For Students Entering York or Changing Programs in Fall 2014 and After."

If you are beginning the Children's Studies Program in September 2016, the one course you need to take is AP/HUMA 1970 6.0, *The Worlds of Childhood*. (Do not try to enrol in HUMA 1971, 2690, 3695, or 4142. You cannot take both HUMA 1970 and 1971. You cannot take HUMA 2690 until you have completed HUMA 1970 with at least a "B." You cannot take HUMA 3695 and 4142 until after you have completed HUMA 2690 with at least a "B.")

Children's Studies is an Honours BA Program totalling 120 credits. Although the 120 credits divide evenly into 4 years at 30 credits per year (or 3 years at 30 credits per year if you have been granted 30 transfer credits based on completion of a two-year college diploma such as ECE), you are considered a fulltime student if you are taking 18 to 36 credits in the Fall-Winter. **I do not recommend that students take a full 30 credits in their first year at York** (whether they are coming directly from high school, from a college program, or from another university) **because during the first year, students need to get: 1) an Honours GPA (General Program Average - a weighted average on all York courses of at least a C+ = 5.0); and 2) at least a "B" in AP/HUMA 1970 6.0.** If students try to take too many credits in their first year, they risk not getting either the Honours GPA or the "B" in HUMA 1970—and may be required to withdraw from the Children's Studies Program or repeat the first course as a result.

For their first year in the Children's Studies Program, I recommend that students consider taking 21 or 24 or 27 credits to ensure that they do their very best. They can make up missing credits by taking summer courses or other additional credits later in their degree.

All students are required to take General Education credits in Humanities, Social Science, and Natural Science, preferably in the first two years. **Here is a recommended first-year selection of courses for an Honours BA Children's Studies student with no transfer credits (that is, coming straight to university from high school):**

AP/HUMA 1970 6.0, *The Worlds of Childhood* (required, first-year core course for all Children's Studies majors and minors; students are required to get at least a "B" in this course to continue in the Children's Studies Program)

HUMA 1XXX General Education course - either 6 or 9 credits (if SOSC is 6; HUMA needs to be 9)

SOSC 1XXX General Education course - either 6 or 9 credits (if HUMA is 6; SOSC needs to be 9)

NATS 1XXX General Education course - 6 credits (or two 3-credit courses)

That would total 27 credits. If you feel you would be more successful doing 21 credits, you could leave one of the 6-credit General Education courses until the Summer or the following Fall-Winter.

To find approved General Education courses, go to the Registrar's Office Website at <https://w2prod.sis.yorku.ca/Apps/WebObjects/cdm> (Current Students - Search for Courses) and choose "General Education Courses." Then, select Fall-Winter 2016-2017 / Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies – (AP) / Bachelor of Arts – (BA) and SEARCH COURSES. If you are a current student, login using your Passport York account to see General Education courses that are relevant to your active program.

For information about Admission to the Children's Studies Program, transfer credits, tuition, etc., please see <http://futurestudents.yorku.ca/> .

For information about the Children's Studies Program itself, please see the video, brochure, supplemental calendar, course list, and advising checklists on the CHST Program Website at <http://chst.huma.laps.yorku.ca/> .

Children's Studies majors and minors are encouraged to seek regular advising through the Program; see Children's Studies advising availability and how to book an appointment or when to drop in without an appointment at <http://chst.huma.laps.yorku.ca/advising/how-to-meet-with-an-advisor/>.

Sincerely, Peter Cumming, Coordinator, *Children's Studies Program*