MINOR IN EDUCATION AND SOCIETY

Courses in the Education and Society minor probe fundamental questions about the interplay between human development and the institution of schooling using the tools of the social science disciplines. Courses explore how people learn and teach as well as the complex relationships between education and the communities and societies it is situated within. Courses are theory-driven yet also provide important insights into the social contexts of education, strategies for strengthening educational practice, and levers for reducing social inequality in academic achievement. The minor spans a diverse set of course listings because education as a discipline spans the life course and happens in many contexts: in the schoolhouse, the family, communities, workplaces, and political arenas. Psychological, social, economic, political, and cultural factors influence educational trajectories and outcomes ranging from individual health and income to forms of social inequality and trajectories of economic development. The interactions among educational organizations and other institutions shape the possibilities for innovation and intentional reform. To understand the intersection of educational institutions and the broader societies, these courses cross boundaries among theory, research, policy, and practice. This minor is focused on education topics from a theoretical and methodological perspective. College students in any field of study may complete a minor in Education and Society. The flexibility of this course of study complements majors in any of the disciplines.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students pursuing the Education and Society minor are required to enroll in CHDV 20100 Human Development Research Design. This is predicated on the belief that the theoretical study of education should be rooted in a broad understanding of methods, and that the course of study lends itself to the use of both qualitative and quantitative methods. Students must also complete four approved electives that consider psychological, social, economic, political, or cultural factors in education. The four approved courses may be taken from the list of courses outlined by the faculty co-administrators annually. Students may also petition for other courses not on the list to be counted toward the minor with the faculty co-administrators.

Students who elect the minor must confer with one of the program directors before the end of Spring Quarter of their third year to declare their intention to complete the minor.

The Education and Society minor requires a total of five courses, including:

1. CHDV 20100 Human Development Research Design (Students majoring in Comparative Human Development must complete an alternative methods course, as described below.)

2. Four approved courses designated as counting toward the Education and Society minor.

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

CHDV 20100 Human Development Research Design * 100
Four approved electives 400
Total Units 500

* CHDV majors must complete an alternative course. Please see below.

ALTERNATIVE METHODS COURSES FOR CHDV MAJORS

The following methods courses are approved alternatives for Comparative Human Development majors. Additional methods courses may also be approved by consent from the faculty co-administrators.

Anthropology

ANTH 21420 Ethnographic Methods 100

Economics

ECON 21010 Statistical Methods in Economics 100

PBPL 26400 Quantitative Methods in Public Policy 100

Psychology

PSYC 20200 Psychological Research Methods 100

Sociology

SOCI 20001 Sociological Methods 100

APPROVED ELECTIVE COURSES

ANTH 22742 The Struggle for the University: Critical Scholarship and Research 100

BPRO 23500 The Organization of Knowledge 100

CHDV 20207 Race, Ethnicity, and Human Development 100

CHDV 20209 Adolescent Development 100

CHDV 20305 Inequality in Urban Spaces (Students who take this course for the minor may not take CHDV 20499 for the minor.) 100
CHDV 20499  Inequality in Education: Theory, Policy and Practice (Students who take this course for the minor may not take CHDV 20305 for the minor.)  100
CHDV 20750  Cognition and Emotion in Everyday Life  100
CHDV 20774  Multilingualism in Mind & Social Interaction: Language, Self, & Thought in the Multilingual Context  100
CHDV 21000  Cultural Psychology  100
CHDV 23050  The Role of Science in U.S. Education Reform  100
CHDV 23100  Human Language and Interaction  100
CHDV 23305  Critical Studies of Mental Health in Higher Education  100
CHDV 25010  Ethnography in US Education  100
CRES 27547  Race, Ethnicity, and American Public Schools  100
EDSO 23001  From the State House to the School House: Educational Policy and Student Achievement  100
EDSO 23002  Schooling and Identity  100
ECMA 36700  Economics of Education  100
EDSO 23005  Education and Social Inequality  100
EDSO 23007  Language, Culture, and Education  100
EDSO 23008  Approaches to K-12 Teaching and Learning  100
EDSO 23010  Sociology of Education  100
EDSO 27919  Research in School Improvement  100
HIST 27307  Schools and Space: A Chicago History  100
LING 20150  Language and Communication  100
MAPS 30289  Intermediate Regression and Data Science  100
PHIL 22819  Philosophy of Education  100
PBPL 25120  Child Development and Public Policy  100
PBPL 25405  Child Poverty and Chicago Schools  100
PBPL 25860  Crime, Justice, and Inequality in the American City  100
PBPL 27809  Violence in the Early Years  100
PBPL 28029  Education Policy  100
PSYC 20400  Cognitive Psychology  100
PSYC 20500  Developmental Psychology  100
PSYC 21116  The Development of Social Cognition  100
PSYC 22580  Child Development in the Classroom  100
PSYC 22880  Psychological Impacts of Education Policy  100
PSYC 23200  Introduction to Language Acquisition  100
PSYC 23800  Introduction to Learning and Memory  100
PSYC 23820  Attention and Working Memory in the Mind and Brain  100
SOCI 20192  The Effects of Schooling  100
SOCI 20514  The Sociology of Higher Education  100
SSAD 21000  Race & American Public Schools  100
SSAD 23412  Cultural Studies in Education  100

Approved, eligible courses for the Education and Society minor will be listed each year on the Education and Society minor website (https://voices.uchicago.edu/coed/about-minor/).

ADVISING AND GRADING

Courses in the minor may not be double counted with the student’s major(s), other minors, or general education requirements. Courses in the minor must be taken for quality grades. Only university-level courses offered by the University of Chicago may be approved for EDSO requirements; no other form of credit (including Advanced Placement) is allowed.

AWARDS

Charles Payne Thesis Prize for Education and Society

Fourth-year EDSO minors who write a BA thesis for their major may submit their thesis for consideration in the Charles Payne Thesis Prize for Education and Society competition. Submission guidelines and award details can be found on the minor website (https://voices.uchicago.edu/coed/about-minor/).
Marylyn C. Grabosky Award for Undergraduate Research Related to Education

The Marylyn C. Grabosky Award for Undergraduate Research Related to Education is awarded to select third-year students who are writing a BA thesis related to education. It provides financial support during the summer before the fourth year to carry out research that will be continued as a senior honors project. Applications, which are submitted at the beginning of Spring Quarter, include a research proposal, personal statement, budget, CV, and a letter of recommendation. Details of the award, which is made possible by the Marylyn C. Grabosky STEM Education Initiative Fund, can be found on the minor website. (https://voices.uchicago.edu/coed/about-minor/)