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 meet with the program director(s) 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.

ANTH 21420 Ethnographic Methods 100
CHDV 26228 Ethnographic Research Methods 100
ECON 21010 Statistical Methods in Economics 100
PBPL 26400 Quantitative Methods in Public Policy 100
PSYC 20200 Psychological Research Methods 100
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 20100 Human Development Research Design 100
CHDV 20207 Race, Ethnicity, and Human Development 100
CHDV 20209 Adolescent Development 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, and more than half of the requirements for the minor must be met by registering for courses bearing University of Chicago course numbers.
AWARDS

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.