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MASTER OF ARTS IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Child & Family Studies
Rongxiang Xu College of Health &
Human Services



The Department of Child & Family Studies

Cal State L.A.'s Department of Child and Family Studies offers a Master of Arts degree in Child Development. This degree prepares individuals to understand the relationship between theory, research and practice and to apply this knowledge to issues in the field of human development. Students are trained to think and write critically about human development through identifying and solving real world problems, advocating for individuals and families, and disseminating knowledge. The Department seeks to improve the quality of life for individuals at all levels of development within diverse environments.

Graduates of the program work in a variety of settings as child development specialists, preschool teachers and administrators, consultants, child life specialists, evaluators, parent and community educators, researchers, leaders in non-profit organizations, and community college instructors, among other careers.



Unique Program Features

- Courses examining theory, research and practice
- Individualized program of study
- Inter-disciplinary faculty
- Small classes and intimate learning environment
- Excellent pathway to doctoral programs.
- Opportunity for overlap with Teaching Credential requirements or other certificate programs
- Preparation for leadership positions in child and family educational, pediatric, and community settings and careers in higher education
- Option of taking a comprehensive examination or completing a Thesis or Project

Applying to this Program

Applications for the Master of Arts degree in Child Development are reviewed once a year for admission in Fall. Applications are due early in the Spring semester and include both a university application and department application.

To apply to the university through the Cal State Apply website visit:
<http://www.calstate.edu/apply>

Department applications are available on the department website:
<https://bit.ly/2NqMimq>

In addition to the University requirements for admission to graduate study, applicants must satisfy specific departmental requirements to be considered for admission to the program. These include:

- Bachelor's degree in Child Development or a closely related academic field from a fully accredited college or university.
- Minimum G.P.A. of 2.85 in the last 60 semester or 90 quarter units.
- Two letters of recommendation and a written statement of intent.
- Completion of the department application form, including a writing sample.

