

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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The Master of Arts Program in Child Development explores the lives of children as the interaction of intellectual, emotional, social, and imaginative streams. It combines in-depth study of primary theoretical perspectives with practical fieldwork. It encourages students to study children in a wide range of social contexts and environments—among members of their family, peer group, and culture, and within their homes, schools, and neighborhoods.

Program highlights include:

- Immersion in child development theory through small seminars and one-on-one conferences with faculty
- Fieldwork opportunities in locations ranging from community settings to therapeutic preschools to elementary and secondary schools
- Access to on-campus resources including the Early Childhood Center, a pioneering laboratory school, and the Child Development Institute

In 2003, Sarah Lawrence College joined with NYU's Silver School of Social Work to offer a dual degree in Child Development and Social Work. Students can complete both degrees full time in three years instead of four.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the Child Development Program are prepared for direct work with children in various settings, for teaching child development at an intermediate level, or for pursuing doctoral study in psychology and related fields.

COURSE OF STUDY

The MA in Child Development degree can be completed on a full-time basis in two years or part-time in three years. The requirements are as follows: 30 credits of graduate course work, 4 credits of a graduate seminar, 2 credits of fieldwork, and a 12-credit master's thesis.

Courses include:

- Puzzling over People: Social Reasoning in Childhood and Adolescence
- Children's Literature: Developmental and Literary Perspectives
- Personality Development
- Challenges to Development: Child and Adolescent Psychopathology
- Global Child Development
- Children's Health in a Multicultural Context
- Theories of Development
- Language Development

DUAL DEGREE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL WORK

ADMISSION

Applicants for the Child Development graduate program must have received a Bachelor of Arts or equivalent degree from an accredited college or university. Previous college work is expected to be at 3.0 or higher and should reflect advanced course study.

FINANCIAL AID

Graduate students are welcome to apply for financial aid. All aid is awarded on the basis of need. On campus employment specifically for graduate students is available.

FACULTY

The Sarah Lawrence faculty has been consistently recognized among the best in the country by The Princeton Review.

ABOUT SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE

Sarah Lawrence is located on a wooded suburban campus just 30 minutes north of Midtown Manhattan. Offering both graduate and undergraduate degrees, the College is nationally known for academic rigor and commitment to developing students as individuals. Sarah Lawrence is also noted for cross-disciplinary study and integrated learning, making it an ideal academic setting for the Child Development Program.

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