

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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The Master of Arts in Child Development Program explores the life of the child 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 therapeutic preschools to elementary and secondary schools to child-life programs on pediatric wards.
- Access to on-campus resources including the Early Childhood Center, a pioneering laboratory school, and the Child Development Institute.

In 2003 Sarah Lawrence joined with NYU's Silver School of Social Work to offer a Dual Degree in Child Development and Social Work. With careful planning, students can complete both degrees 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:

- Intersections of Multiple Identities
- Play in Developmental and Cultural Context
- Moral Development
- Mindfulness: Neuroscientific and Psychological Perspectives
- Language Research Seminar
- Pathways of Development: Psychopathology and Other Challenges to the Developmental Process
- The Neurobiology of Mental Health
- Art and Visual Perception
- Personality Development
- Theories of 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. Non-teaching internships are 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 College 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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