**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT MINOR PROPOSAL OVERVIEW**

*An interdisciplinary minor offered through the Colleges of Arts and Sciences (Social and Behavioral Sciences & Humanities); Education and Human Ecology; Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences; and Social Work*

**Purpose:** This interdisciplinary minor is designed to provide students with knowledge and skills about youth development principles, processes, and practices. Students with career interests in youth services and education (non-formal and formal) are ideal candidates. This minor will prepare students for careers in schools and out-of-school organizations such as Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCAs, FFA, 4-H, and various youth sport organizations and through other employers such as city governments, parks, recreation centers, and after-school programs. The Youth Development minor would also be valuable for students majoring in social work pursuing careers serving youth populations, from hospitals to residential treatment centers.

**Requirements and Responsibilities:** This minor is appropriate for students in all majors at the Ohio State University. All course prerequisites must be met. *HDFS 364* (Lifespan Human Development) or *Psych 340* (Lifespan Developmental Psychology) are recommended to take for foundational purposes. A minor consists of a minimum of 24 – 26 hours as outlined in Table 1.

*Table 1. Youth Development Minor Proposed Course Outline*

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| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | | **Credit**  **Hours** | |
| **Required Courses (19-21 credits)** | | | | |
| *Select one of these three courses:* | | | | |
| HDFS 362 | | Middle Childhood and Adolescence | | 4 |
| HDFS 570 | | Adolescent Development: A Biopsychosocial Perspective | | 3 |
| PSYCH 551 | | Adolescence | | 5 |
| *Take all four of these courses:* | | | | |
| AEE 642 | | Youth Organizations | | 3 |
| AEE 643 | | Youth Program Management in Non-School Settings | | 3 |
| PAES 542 | | Lifespan Motor Development (youth focus) | | 5 |
| SOCWORK 310 | | Prevention and Youth Development through Sport, Recreation and Play | | 5 |
| **Electives (at least 5 credits)** | | | | |
| AFAMAST 290 | | Black Youth | | 5 |
| ANTHROP 630 | | Language and Culture in Education (youth) | | 5 |
| COMM 501 | | Mass Communication and Youth | | 5 |
| EDUPL 607.07 | | Adolescent Learning and Development in School Contexts | | 5 |
| PAES 245 | | Leadership in Sport and Recreation | | 3 |
| PAES 262 | | Coaching the Young Athlete | | 3 |
| PSYCH 555 | | Adolescent Sexuality | | 5 |
| PSYCH 684 | | Psychology of Delinquency | | 5 |
| SOCIOL 310 | | Sociology of Gangs | | 5 |
| SOCIOL 511 | | Sociology of Youth and Crime | | 5 |
| SOCWORK 503 | | Juvenile Delinquency: Origins and Social Control | | 5 |
| SOCWORK 597 | | Adolescent Parenthood and Sexuality: International Perspectives | | 5 |

**Restrictions and General Information:**

1. A minimum overall GPA for courses comprising the minor shall be 2.0.
2. A minimum of C- is required for a course to be counted towards the minor.
3. Courses taken on a pass/non pass basis may not be applied to the minor.
4. Refer to your college guidelines for specific policies about minor requirements