

## Comparing the Child & Adolescent Dev. BA Options: Applied Developmental Science & Early Childhood Development

### What is the Applied Developmental Science option?

This option emphasizes the analysis and synthesis of classic and contemporary research in the interest of promoting positive developmental outcomes spanning conception through early adulthood. Students in the Applied Developmental Science option explore theories, concepts, and phenomena relevant to the development of individuals and social systems including the wide range of familial, biological, societal, cultural, physical, ecological, political and historical settings of human development.

### What is the Early Childhood Development option?

This option was designed to capitalize on community college coursework. It allows community college students who have completed a Lower Division Transfer Plan at a California Community College to count units towards the BA degree. It focuses primarily on theories of development of young children and the application of concepts in educational contexts.

### Is one CADV option faster or less units than the other?

No. The two new BA options are both the same number of units (57 units). In fact, both BA options require the same CADV common core upper division classes (e.g., CADV 380/L, 350, 352, 460, 470). However, for a transfer student who previously took a significant number of early childhood courses (that are CAP8 qualified), they might find that the Early Childhood BA option is faster ONLY because they already took those CAP 8 courses at a community college.

### How do I know if my community college courses will “count” here at CSUN?

**If you are in the Applied Developmental Science option**, some community college coursework can count for CSU credit. These are typically lower division and general education requirements and you can what courses these are at [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org). Any CSU transferable courses that you complete at a community college will automatically be counted towards your degree once you provide Admissions and Records with your updated transcript.

**If you are in the Early Childhood Development option**: In addition to CSU transferable courses listed on [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org), there are eight categories of community college courses that count towards your degree. These courses are referred to as Curriculum Alignment Project (CAP) courses. This list of courses is available at: [https://www.childdevelopment.org/cs/cdte/print/htdocs/services\\_colleges\\_aligned.htm](https://www.childdevelopment.org/cs/cdte/print/htdocs/services_colleges_aligned.htm). If you are in the Early Childhood Development option and have completed CAP courses, simply complete the *Community College Course Substitution Petition form* (located on the CADV advising website), submit this to the CADV Department Office (Sequoia Hall 285).

### If I didn't transfer to CSUN, which BA option is best?

It depends. For native CSUN students (non-transfer students or those who have NOT taken early childhood courses at a community college) you will find several advantages to the Applied Developmental Science BA option such as: (1) an Electives section with over 70 courses to choose from; (2) the ability to take upper division GE requirements that also meet CADV requirements; (3) a BA option title that reflects a contemporary and scientific approach to investigating youth development; and (4) an ability to still pursue coursework that focuses on early childhood development through the Electives section. However, if you have a strong desire to exclusively focus on early childhood coursework and aspire to have a diploma stating this academic emphasis, then you might be interested in the Early Childhood Development BA option.

### Will my diploma state my BA option? What exactly will it say?

Yes, your diploma will state your BA option. It will state BA in Child & Adolescent Development with an option in Applied Developmental Science (or Early Childhood Development). The former/traditional BA in CADV (catalog year 2012 or earlier) will not state an option.



**Can I upgrade from the former CADV major to the Applied Developmental Science Option?**

If you have less than 75 units completed (including in progress units), simply go online and change your major (instructions here: <http://www.csun.edu/anr/soc/guides/major-minor.html>). You do not need permission/ signatures from the department.

If you have more than 75 units you will not be able to change the listed title of your major.

**Can I upgrade from the former CADV major to the Early Childhood Development Option?**

If you have less than 75 units completed (including in progress units), simply go online and change your major (instructions here: <http://www.csun.edu/anr/soc/guides/major-minor.html>). If you have more than 90 units you will follow the same steps above; however, since the requirements are slightly different, you will have to clearly demonstrate that you can complete this new option without delaying the time towards your graduation.



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Applied Developmental Science (57 units/20 classes) MAP code 340325B	Early Childhood Development (57 units/20 classes) MAP code 340330B	What's the difference?
<b><u>Lower Division (10 units)</u></b> CADV150 PSYCH 150 MATH 140	<b><u>Lower Division (16 units)</u></b> CADV 150 PSYCH 150 MATH 140 FCS 234 HSCI 131	<i>-Early Childhood option requires 2 extra courses.</i>
<b><u>Domains of Development (6 units)</u></b> CADV 350 CADV 352	<b><u>Domains of Development (6 units)</u></b> CADV 350 CADV 352	<i>-Same requirements.</i>
<b><u>Modes of Inquiry (8 units)</u></b> CADV 380/L CADV 381/L	<b><u>Modes of Inquiry (8 units)</u></b> CADV 380/L CADV 381/L or FCS 431/L	<i>-Early Childhood option can take an intensive preschool assessment course at a community college to fulfill 4 units.</i>
<b><u>Cultural/Linguistic (9 units)</u></b> CADV 460 Plus 2 extra courses (6 units)	<b><u>Cultural/Linguistic (3 units)</u></b> CADV 460	<i>-Early Childhood option requires 2 fewer courses.</i>
<b><u>Electives (12 units)</u></b> Choose 4 classes: See catalog for over 70 course options to choose from (e.g., upper division GEs include RTM352, ANTH310, FCS340, PSY312)	<b><u>Early Childhood Education Pedagogy (6 units)</u></b> Choose 2 classes below: (e.g., CADV 406/L, ART 383/L, MUS 362/L, or EPC 430)	<i>-Early Childhood option requires 2 fewer courses.</i>  <i>-Applied Dev'l Science BA has more course options to choose from, including 4 upper division GEs (that can double count).</i>  <i>-Early Childhood BA doesn't have an electives section or options to double-count upper division GEs.</i>
<b><u>Professional Dev'l (12 units)</u></b> CADV 470 Plus 3 courses (Check catalog for FULL list of course options.)	<b><u>Professional Dev'l (18 units)</u></b> CADV 470 Plus 5 courses (Check catalog for FULL list of course options.)	<i>-Early Childhood BA requires 2 extra courses.</i>  <i>-Both require CADV 470.</i>  <i>-Both can take the internship, grad school prep, peer mentoring plus others to fulfill this section.</i>

