**Comparing the Child & Adolescent Dev’l BA Options:**

**Applied Developmental Science & Early Childhood Development**

The below information is for CADV majors with a catalog year 2012 or earlier who are considering

upgrading/ changing their major to reflect one of the new CADV BA options.

**What’s the difference between the former BA in Child & Adolescent Development (catalog year 2012) and the two new BA options?**

The former/traditional BA in Child & Adolescent Development (catalog year 2012) is exactly the same as the Applied Developmental Science BA option; the course requirements are identical. Students who upgrade (i.e., change to have a major option) to Applied Developmental Science would follow their existing curriculum plan. Refer to the CADV BA Option Comparison flyer for detailed information about how the options differ.

**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.

**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 are CAP 8 qualified and will “count” here at CSUN?**

Review the CAP 8 resources located on the CADV advising website and determine if your previous coursework matches courses listed in the 8 categories. If you believe your completed courses match, complete the *Community College Course Substitution Petition form* (located on the CADV advising website), submit this to the CADV Department Office (Sequoia Hall 285) and wait to be contacted. For further details, refer to this form and follow the listed steps.

**If I didn’t transfer to CSUN, which BA option is best?**

It depends. 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. However, 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/or (4) an ability to still pursue coursework that focuses on early childhood development through the Electives section.

**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.

**How do 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 have to complete a paper form instead. Follow these steps: (1) complete the CADV Major Upgrade Form (located on the CADV advising website which is partially completed for you); (2) make sure you have calculated how many GE units & CADV units you have left to complete; (3) drop off this form with your updated MAP at the CADV Department Office (Sequoia Hall 285); (4) incomplete forms will be returned to you; accurate & completed forms will be sent to the HHD Associate Dean and Admissions & Records on your behalf.

**How do 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?** |
| **Lower Division (10 units)**  CADV150  PSYCH 150  MATH 140 | **Lower Division (16 units)**  CADV 150  PSYCH 150  MATH 140  FCS 234  HSCI 131 | *-Early Childhood option requires 2 extra courses.* |
| **Domains of Development (6 units)**  CADV 350  CADV 352 | **Domains of Development (6 units)**  CADV 350  CADV 352 | *-Same requirements.* |
| **Modes of Inquiry (8 units)**  CADV 380/L  CADV 381/L | **Modes of Inquiry (8 units)**  CADV 380/L  CADV 381/L or FCS 431/L | *-Early Childhood option can take an intensive preschool assessment course at a community college to fulfill 4 units.* |
| **Cultural/Linguistic (9 units)**  CADV 460  Plus 2 extra courses (6 units) | **Cultural/Linguistic (3 units)**  CADV 460 | *-Early Childhood option requires 2 fewer courses.* |
| **Electives (12 units)**  Choose 4 classes:  See catalog for over 70 course options to choose from  (e.g., upper division GEs include RTM352, ANTH310,  FCS340, PSY312) | **Early Childhood Education Pedagogy (6 units)**  Choose 2 classes below:  (e.g., CADV 406/L,  ART 383/L,  MUS 362/L,  or EPC 430) | *-Applied Dev’l Science BA has more course options to choose from, including 4 upper division GEs (that can double count).*  *-Early Childhood BA doesn’t have an electives section or options to double-count upper division GEs.* |
| **Professional Dev’l (12 units)**  CADV 470  Plus 3 courses  (Check catalog for FULL list of course options.) | **Professional Dev’l (18 units)**  CADV 470  Plus 5 courses  (Check catalog for FULL list of course options.) | *-Early Childhood BA requires 1 extra course.*  *-Both require CADV 470.*  *-Both can take the internship, grad school prep, peer mentoring plus others to fulfill this section.* |