

# Early Childhood Education Courses

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**ECE 313 - Child Growth and Development**

Hours: 3

This course focuses on child development as a multifaceted process of growth and change. Students will examine interrelating factors across developmental domains to evaluate developmentally appropriate practices.

**ECE 320 - Assessments in Early Childhood**

Hours: 3

This course explores the multiple purposes and types of assessment in early childhood. Students will evaluate and analyze assessment data as a tool to support teaching and learning.

**ECE 321 - Creative Arts for Early Childhood**

Hours: 3

This course focuses on creativity and the fine arts in a positive learning environment. Students will design a playful learning experience that integrates the fine arts to promote creativity and social-emotional development.

**ECE 322 - Family and Community Connections in Early Childhood**

Hours: 3

This course focuses on the dynamic influences of family and community in early childhood education. Students will plan a learning experience that connects family, community, and school to promote optimal child outcomes.

**ECE 358 - Language and Literacy in Early Childhood**

Hours: 3

This course focuses on language and literacy development emphasizing the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students will plan a language and literacy learning experience that incorporates developmentally appropriate practices.

**ECE 364 - Educating Young Children**

Hours: 3

This course focuses on inclusive, supportive, and effective learning environments that promote whole-child development. Students will evaluate developmentally appropriate practices in a variety of learning environments.

**ECE 366 - Learning Environments**

Hours: 3

This course focuses on the physical and affective learning environments with an emphasis on Social Studies. Students will design a safe, supportive, and challenging learning environment that builds on children's assets and fosters pro-social behaviors.

**ECE 460 - STEM in Early Childhood**

Hours: 3

This course examines early childhood pedagogy with a focus on science, technology, and math. Students will plan an authentic learning experience that integrates content areas and promotes critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

**ECE 489 - Independent Study**

Hours: 1-4

**ECE 490 - H Thesis**

Hours: 3

Individualized instruction/research at an advanced level in a specialized content area under the direction of a faculty member.

**ECE 491 - Honors Reading**

Hours: 3

As specified by Honors or department head.