Make a difference in young people’s lives. In the youth studies program, you will learn skills to help youth develop their passions, gain confidence, and actively participate in the world around them. Join a community of students, faculty, instructors, and professionals who approach youth work with a commitment to social justice. Alumni often work in nonprofit organizations and schools, or pursue graduate study in areas such as school counseling and social work.

Youth studies coursework focuses on working with urban and diverse youth. Courses include youth development and policy, community building, and experiential learning. You’ll benefit from faculty and community mentors who will support you in your growth as a youth worker. Build skills and community contacts through an internship to successfully transition into a career working with youth.

Student Experiences

Dajah Godbolt - “I have met inspiring teachers, advisers, and students that believed in me and pushed me to become who I am today.”

Study Abroad Options
Learn about study abroad options for Youth Studies majors.

You might also explore

Family Violence Prevention Minor
Social Justice Minor
Early Childhood
Child Psychology
Racial Justice in Urban Schooling Minor

Associated Careers

Advocacy Worker, Educational Assistant, Grant Writer, Tutor, Youth Program Director, Community Organizer, Nonprofit, Youth Worker

Admission Information

Freshman admission information

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