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Welcome to MSU Child & Youth Study

This booklet provides details about course selection, practicum, and the honours program.

MSU is the only university in Eastern Canada to offer a Bachelor of Arts degree in Child and Youth Study. Students receive an excellent foundation for working with children and youth, the program offers students the opportunity to blend theory with practice, to learn through direct experience, to make contacts within the child and youth community, and to make career choices.

Graduates of the program find careers in early childhood care centres, pre-primary programs; parent-child settings, developmental intervention programs, youth programs, community-based treatment centres, residential care settings, and recreational settings. Our graduates also find careers in specialized programs such as addiction services, child welfare community services, and government departments dealing with early childhood development, child care policies and facilities licensing. Graduates of the Child and Youth Study program may be front line workers, team leaders and supervisors/ administrators.

The undergraduate program also provides a foundation for those wishing to undertake further degrees such as in Child and Youth Study, Speech and Language Pathology, Education, and Social Work

The degree can be completed through on-line learning. Most CHYS on-line courses are "live" classes provided through Moodle/Collaborate; some CHYS courses and those provided by other programs are in asynchronous format. Please see the section "Information for Distance Students" in this handbook for further details.

The Department of Child and Youth Study has faculty with a wide range of expertise with children, youth, families, and programs. Small class sizes help ensure that students become familiar with their Department instructors. Students have identified the collegiality of the faculty as a strength of the program and of their experiences in it.

The program has an intake of approximately 100-120 students each year. Students arrive with a range of experiences with children and youth, and from diverse family and regional backgrounds. This diversity is recognized and valued by the faculty for the opportunities it provides to learn from students, and for students to expand their understandings of each other. Many enter the program with advanced standing as transfer students.

Students complete four supervised practicum placements that focus on young children, youth, leadership, and diverse needs intervention. Guidelines about practicum placement selection can be found later in this booklet.

Those who are interested in independent research, and those considering graduate study can undertake the Honours Thesis course and to graduate with an Honours Degree.

The Child and Youth Study Society provides opportunities for students to participate in a variety of activities that support children and families, while developing leadership skills and volunteer experiences. The executive is voted in by Child and Youth Study students.

Find us on Facebook: ***MSVU Child and Youth Study Society***

Information in this booklet is subject to revision of University/Department policies and requirements.

BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The Department of Child and Youth Study has four Awards of Merit:

Department of Child and Youth Study Award for Academic Excellence Established to recognize excellence in academic achievement. Awarded annually to the graduating Child and Youth Study student holding the highest GPA. No application is required.

Department of Child and Youth Study Lindsey Cousineau Award Named in honour of Lindsey Kathryn Cousineau, for inspiring dedication to learning and service to others. Awarded on departmental recommendation to an undergraduate student enrolled in the Child and Youth Study program who has achieved significant university and/or community service; demonstrated ongoing dedication to learning; completed 15.0 or more units of academic credit typically with a minimum GPA of 3.0; and successfully completed 2 practicum placements. Complete Application (available on-line at: [http://www.msvu.ca/site/media/msvu/LC%20Award%20Application\(1\).pdf](http://www.msvu.ca/site/media/msvu/LC%20Award%20Application(1).pdf)), submit supporting documentation to: CHYS@msvu.ca

Application Deadline: February 24 of each year

Department of Child and Youth Study Practicum Award to be awarded annually to an undergraduate student who has demonstrated outstanding performance in their first practicum placement in the previous academic year (Sept. - June). The award will be based on a letter of recommendation from the student's Mount practicum placement supervisor. This award is not eligible to those who have been granted practicum credit through transfer, challenge, or Prior Learning Assessment processes. No application is required.

Canadian Progress Club-Halifax CYS Scholarship in Memory of Patricia Morse

Established by the Canadian progress Club-Halifax in memory of Patricia Morse, BA(CYS) 1980, MA(CYS) 2011. Patricia championed the development and implementation of programs for early intervention in NS and was a tireless advocate for families and children in need of early intervention services.

This scholarship is awarded annually to a student pursuing a BA(CYS) who has completed a minimum of 12.0 units of study including .5 units of practicum (transfer credits can be counted towards these requirements) and who has demonstrated a commitment to working with children or youth with disabilities and fostering inclusive practice as demonstrated through their academic study, practicum, volunteer and/or work experience.

Applicants must complete the online application (detailing how they meet the scholarship criteria) and supply a letter of reference from someone who can attest to how the applicant meets the criteria. Students can only receive this award once. Value \$1000.

IN ADDITION, the University has a variety of bursaries, scholarships and prizes for which Child and Youth Study students are eligible. Go to:

<http://www.msvu.ca/en/home/student-services/registrars-office/scholarship-bursaries/prizes-and-awards.aspx>

DEPARTMENT EMPLOYMENT POSSIBILITIES

Curriculum Resource Centre (CRC) and Children's Book Collection (MSVU Library)

Each year, upper level Child and Youth Study students are hired for the fall and winter terms to work as assistant librarian with the CRC, and as cataloguing assistant for the Children's Book Collection. Students are nominated by the Department based on their demonstrated academic strengths, abilities to work with others, take direction, and positively represent the Department. *See more about the CRC below.*

Research and Administrative Assistants

On occasion the Department and individual faculty will have funds available to hire student assistants to work on projects of various length. Students are hired based on their demonstrated abilities and aptitudes that match with the work required. These opportunities provide students with varied experiences that build skills important for future employment.

CHILD STUDY CENTRE

The Mount Child Study Centre serves as a model learning facility for students in the CYS degree program. It operates as a non-profit community-based program, with an advisory Board of Directors, which includes members from the Department of Child and Youth Study, the University's Board of Governors, parents, and Child Study Centre staff.

The Centre provides practicum opportunities for students enrolled in the Child and Youth Study undergraduate program. Students have the option to complete placements in the early childhood program, working with children who have diverse developmental capacities, and in an administrative capacity. Those who successfully complete their placements at the Centre are often asked to join the Centre's substitute educator list, providing them with additional opportunities to gain experience.

The Director and teachers of the Centre are regular providers of guest lectures in CYS classes, and on occasion are employed as part-time instructors in the CYS program. The CYS Department considers this to be an invaluable relationship, one that enriches the learning opportunities for students and faculty alike.

The Centre provides opportunities for student/class observation and other assignments, as well as faculty and student research. The Centre's welcoming of students for these purposes makes it possible for students to integrate theory with practice and provides for a unique learning experiences.

<http://www.msvu.ca/en/home/beamountstudent/MatureStudents/childstudycentre/default.asp>
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CURRICULUM RESOURCE CENTRE (CRC)

The Curriculum Resource Centre (CRC), located in Room 408 of the Seton Academic Centre, is a specialized education resource library which primarily serves the Faculty of Education and the Child & Youth Study Department. Its aim is to provide educators, from preschool to high school, the resources they need to plan programs for today's learners. The CRC offers a wide range of curriculum support materials, including curriculum guides, textbooks, teachers' resources, French language materials, DVDs, software, manipulatives, kits and more. There is always something new at the CRC – check it out!

<http://www.msvu.ca/en/home/programsdepartments/education/curriculumresourcecentre.aspx>

Library & Archives Guide to Resources & Services

Below you will find a link to Library resources and services, available both during and after COVID-19.

<https://libguides.msvu.ca/continuity>

CHILD AND YOUTH STUDY PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The goal of the Child and Youth Study undergraduate program is to provide a comprehensive preparation for pursuing careers in child and youth fields. Its objectives are as follow:

- To provide students with specialized professional courses, complemented by a core set of arts and science courses, to ensure they meet licensing and credentialing requirements across North America and can pursue careers and graduate education in related fields (e.g. social work, elementary school teacher, speech language pathology) if they so choose.
- To provide students with practical field experiences to enhance their professional and personal growth and development.
- To graduate students who are life-long learners and leaders in the child and youth fields including undertaking further university study.

COURSE SELECTION

To graduate with a BA (Child & Youth Study) degree, students must successfully complete 22 units (20 units of academic credit plus 2.0 units of practicum) as set out in the university calendar. The following tables provide a guide for course selection assuming four years of full time study in the fall and winter terms. Transfer students, part-time students, Online students, and those who undertake study during summer sessions might follow a different sequence.

In selecting courses, students should work through the Advising Checklist included at the end of this handbook available on-line at: <https://www.msvu.ca/campus-life/centre-for-academic-advising-and-student-success/academic-advising/program-checklists/>

Many courses have prerequisites which determine the order in which they must be taken. Students will need to consult the on-line timetable through myMount or webadvisor to identify course availability and days/times offered. Courses are not necessarily available each year.

ALL STUDENTS should consult with an Academic Advisor from the [Centre for Academic Advising and Student Success](#) (CAASS). **Advising can be conducted with a CAASS Academic Advisor via telephone, skype, email, or in person when the campus is open.** Students are encouraged to meet with a CAASS Academic Advisor at least once per academic year; You can contact the Centre via email advising@msvu.ca to book an appointment.

Students are reminded to include their student ID when they correspond with ~~their~~ an Advisor and to always use your @MSVU.CA email for all campus correspondence.

COURSE LOADS & Full-Time /vs/ Part-time Students

- **Course Loads:**
The maximum course load for the Fall Term, Winter Term or combined Summer Sessions is 2.5 units. Practicum courses are not considered part of the course load. Therefore students may take 3.0 units per term if this includes a .5 unit of practicum. Students with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater may apply to exceed this maximum course limit. Normally, only an additional 0.5 unit will be permitted.
- **Fall/Winter Full-time Students:**
Full-time students are enrolled in 3.0 or more units during the September to April academic year. Students who are registered with Accessibility Services and who take 2.0 units in total over the fall and winter terms are considered full time.
- **Summer Full time Students:**
Full-time students are enrolled in 1.5 or more units over BOTH Summer Session I and Summer Session II. The student can choose 1.0 unit in SSI and 0.5 unit in SSII (or vice versa) – but registration MUST occur in BOTH sessions. Students registered with Accessibility Services are encouraged to speak with Accessibility Services regarding the number of units needed for full time status over the summer sessions.
- **Part-time Students:**
Part-time students are enrolled in 2.5 or fewer units during the September to April academic year.

Confirmation of Enrolment

- Confirmation of enrolment letters can be obtained through the Registrar's Office. Use the **Letter Request** form found at the link below:

<http://www.msvu.ca/en/home/student-services/registrar-office/forms/default.aspx>

INFORMATION FOR ON-LINE STUDENTS

All CYS students can take courses via On-Line Learning. However, the designation of being an On-line Student is limited to those on are taking the entire program through On-Line learning.

Although the CYS program can be completed on-line it is not always possible for this to be achieved as a full-time student, as not all courses are offered on-line each year. There are some courses that have not been developed for on-line delivery. In those cases, a course will be substituted. This can only be done with approval of the Chair of the Child and Youth Study Department. Please contact the Department when you are having difficulty finding required on-line courses.

Course Sections

Many courses have multiple sections (meaning the same course is offered on different days or times) and this is indicated by the *number that follows by the course number.

- For example, CHYS1110*01 refers to CHYS1110 section one; CHYS1110*02 refers to section 2. Section one might be on Mon & Wed at 9am; section 2 might be on Tues, 4:30pm.
- Math lab sections are designated by alphabetical letter. For example, MATH208L*LA, MATH208L*LB), etc.
- On-line courses have section numbers 16 or higher. DOUBLE CHECK when you are selecting your courses to ensure you know whether it is on-campus or on-line.

Make sure you make note of the section you wish to enroll in on your draft timetable, as you will need it when you register.

Year 1 Fall and Winter:

Students who begin in September and register in 5 courses a term would normally follow this schedule.

COURSE NUMBER	Fall Semester	Winter Semester	Course Unit Value
CHYS 1110	Fall or Winter		.5
CHYS 1120	Fall or Winter		.5
CHYS 1130	Fall or Winter		.5
Additional 3.5 units selected from the following list and as determined by timetable availability.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIOL 1114 • HIST (check prerequisite requirements) • ENGL at the 1000 level • WRIT at the 1000 level • NUTR 2240 • PSYC 1110 • PSYCH 1120 • CORE B or C selection • Elective (see info on electives on this booklet; check prerequisite requirements) 	Fall or Winter		
MAXIMUM UNITS	3.5	3.5	5.0

Year 2 Fall and Winter:

Students can enroll in a maximum of 5.5 units if .5 is a practicum placement. The additional .5 MUST be taken in the same semester as the practicum. Those who begin in September would normally follow this schedule.

COURSE NUMBER	Semester	UNIT VALUE
CHYS 2201	Fall or Winter	.5
CHYS2204	Fall or Winter	.5
CHYS 2208	Fall or Winter	.5
CHYS 2209	Fall or Winter	.5
CHYS 2251 Practicum I Tuesdays & Thursdays. No classes to be taken on these days unless in evening.	Fall or Winter (CHYS2208 or 2209 as Co-requisite or prerequisite)	.5
MATH 2208 plus lab	Fall	.5
MATH 2209 plus lab	Winter	.5
Units total if registered in practicum		5.5
Units total if not registered in practicum		5.0

PLUS: Additional units selected from the following list if requirement not already completed, and as determined by timetable availability.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSYC 2221 • PSYC 2222 • BIOL 1114HIST • ENGL • WRIT • NUTR2240 • FSGN 2212 or FSGN 2312 or SOAN 2520 • Core B or C selection • Electives 	Fall /Winter	
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Year 3 Fall and Winter:

Students can enroll in .5 unit over the maximum in a term when also registered for a practicum. Those who begin in September would normally follow this schedule.

COURSE NUMBER	SEMESTER
CHYS 3311	Fall or Winter
CHYS 3314 (prerequisite CHYS2251 Practica I)	Fall
CHYS 3351 Practicum II	Fall
CHYS 3315	Winter
CHYS 3352 Practicum III	Winter
Required courses not yet completed (check prerequisites)	Fall /Winter
CHYS electives (check prerequisites)	Fall/Winter
Electives	Fall/Winter
MAXIMUM UNITS if registered for 1.0 practicum	6.0
Maximum Units if registered for .5 practicum	5.5
Maximum units if no practicum registration	5.0

Year 4 Fall and Winter:

Students can enroll in .5 unit over the maximum in a term when also registered for a practicum. Those who begin in September would normally follow this schedule.

COURSE NUMBER	SEMESTER	UNIT VALUE
Required courses not yet completed	Fall/Winter	As required
CHYS electives not yet completed	Fall/Winter	As required
Electives	Fall /Winter	As required
MAXIMUM UNITS if registered for 1.0 practicum		6.0
Maximum Units if registered for .5 practicum		5.5
Maximum units if no practicum registration		5.0

ELECTIVES

CYS students are required to complete 4.0 units of electives. Of these, a minimum of 3.0 units are FREE electives meaning there is no restriction on level or whether arts/science/professional and can include CHYS courses otherwise not required, the other 1.0 unit is ARTS or SCIENCE Electives at the 2000 level or above.

Students intending to apply for admission to education or graduate programs should select their electives after reviewing the entry requirements of those programs and in discussion with their Department advisors.

Courses can be taken as electives from the following programs (check for prerequisite requirements necessary for registering in any course):

Arts & Science Programs	Professional Studies Programs
Applied Human Nutrition (NUTR): (courses designated as science) Biology (BIOL) Canadian Studies (CANA) Chemistry (CHEM) Chinese (CHIN) Communications (COMM) Computer Science (CMPS) Cultural studies (CULS) Economics (ECON) English (ENGL) Family Studies and Gerontology (FSGN) French (FREN) German (GERM) History (HIST) Library (LIBR) Linguistics (LING) Mathematics (MATH) Philosophy (PHIL) Physics (PHYS) Political Studies (POLS) Psychology (PSYC) Religious Studies (RELS) Sociology and Anthropology (SOAN) Spanish (SPAN) Women's Studies (WOMS)	Applied Human Nutrition (NUTR):(courses designated as professional] Business Administration (BUSI) Child and Youth Study (CHYS) Information Technology (INTE) Public Relations (PBRL) Tourism and Hospitality Management (THMT)

*Students in past years have recommended the following courses: LIBR2100; BUSI1112; BUSI2011; THMT3380 (requires permission)

MINORS

CYS students can meet the requirements for a Minor from some other programs through the selection of electives. You may choose a 3.0-unit minor in any area that offers a minor. Refer to the requirements set out in the University Calendar for the programs offering Minors.

Transfer students considering undertaking or applying for a Minor must fulfill the University requirement that they “complete a minimum of 50% of the coursework required [for a minor]” through Mount courses.

To claim a Minor, complete the form, “Declaration/Change of Program Degree, Major, Concentration and/or Minor” available at:

[http://www.msvu.ca/site/media/msvu/ProgramChange\(4\).pdf](http://www.msvu.ca/site/media/msvu/ProgramChange(4).pdf)

University regulations do not allow CHYS students to claim a Concentration in any Arts & Science program.

ELECTIVE SELECTION FOR APPLICATION TO BACHELOR OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Students who are planning to apply for entry to a Bachelor of Education program (elementary) should select their electives after reviewing the entry requirements of the program to which they intend to apply and consult with their Department advisor. Those who intend to apply to Nova Scotia programs should select the following as electives:

- MATH*2462 Fundamental Concepts of Math
- .5-unit science (**in addition** to BIOL 1114)

Child and Youth Study Exchange Program Possibilities:

University College Copenhagen (Denmark)

The Social Education Program offers courses:

- People with special needs
- Pedagogical Work with Children and Young People in a European Perspective
- Childhood in a Nordic Perspective – a Danish Setting
- Playful Learning and Citizenship in Education

Ewha Womens University (South Korea)

Courses related to Child and Youth Studies are offered in programs of different departments, such as Psychology or Early Childhood Education. Sample courses include:

- Infancy and Childhood Development
- Safety Education for Young Children
- Theoretical Foundation of Teaching Early Childhood Education

Korea University (South Korea)

Courses related to Child and Youth Study are offered by different departments. Sample courses include:

- Vocational Development in Childhood and Adolescence
- Child Development
- Readings in English Children's Literature

Follow the link below for the most recent Child and Youth Study Exchange Student possibilities as well as additional details pertaining to the above. *International program availability suspended while COVID-19 restrictions in place.*

<https://www.msvu.ca/international/student-mobility/outgoing-exchange/>

PRACTICUM INFORMATION

Please Note: Students on academic probation or whose GPA in the previous semester was 2.0 or less will not be permitted to take practicum. Students who fail to complete any practicum successfully will not be permitted to continue in the program.

FALL AND WINTER TERMS

During the fall and winter terms students undertaking practica attend their placements on Tuesdays and Thursdays (all day). No other daytime (until 4:30 pm) courses can be undertaken on those days, but evening courses are allowed unless it interferes with practica responsibilities and expectations.

SUMMER SESSIONS

Students may also complete practica during Summer Sessions. Each session is four weeks in duration (Monday to Friday, all day).

Some flexibility in Practica times, setting and delivery method is available to those individuals proving extenuating circumstances.

No student is guaranteed a summer session practicum placement as the availability of sites is limited.

In order to undertake practicum students MUST:

- register by the posted deadline of each term
- attend the mandatory practicum information meeting.
- ensure you have obtained the appropriate paperwork for practicum: vulnerable sector check (includes criminal record check); child abuse registry check, as well as Emergency First aid & CPR "C"/AED. Full details can be found at www.msvu.ca/practicumdocs.

Some types of practica require having completed or be taking particular CHYS courses. See the Practicum course descriptions for details.

Challenge for Practicum Credit

Students who have requisite experience and required number of early childhood care practicum hours can undertake a practica challenge for credit (one only based on work experience; one only based on education; one only based on professional leadership). All students MUST complete at least one CHYS practicum under the Department's supervision before they can complete a challenge for practicum credit. Other requirements/limitations are set out in the Challenge for Credit Policy documents.

NOTE: Students entering the BA(CYS) program with 11.0 units of transfer credit are **INELIGIBLE** to challenge for further credits as per university regulations.

Challenge for practicum credit policies are available from the Department Administrative Assistant

and on-line at:

<http://www.msvu.ca/en/home/programsdepartments/professionalstudies/childand youthstudy/practicum/default.aspx>

NOTE: Deadline for submitting challenge for credit documentation in order to graduate by spring or fall convocation are set out in the policies.

MANDATORY PRACTICUM INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR ON-CAMPUS STUDENTS

Meetings for students taking a practicum in the Fall terms are held in **SEPTEMBER, for the winter terms, in December**– normally the first Tuesday or Thursday of the first week of classes. It is mandatory that **all students** registered in practicum for **both or either academic terms attend these meetings** as placements will be assigned at those times. Please check your email for exact dates & times.

MANDATORY PRACTICUM INFORMATION MEETINGS for SUMMER SESSIONS are held in April. It is necessary that **all students** registered in practicum for **Summer Sessions** attend this meeting.

Please monitor your EMAIL closely when enrolled in Practicum.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Practicum Coordinator at CHYSPracticum@msvu.ca

DISTANCE PRACTICUM POLICY

Normally, ONLY those students who are living 100 km or further from the Mount Campus and who have been taking ALL COURSES via on-line delivery during the previous regular academic term (fall/winter) are permitted to request practicum placements outside the Halifax Regional Municipality. Students who have taken winter courses on-campus must complete their summer practica within the HRM area.

Distance students are required to contact the Practicum Coordinator (CHYSPracticum@msvu.ca) 6 to 8 weeks prior to the start of the semester to begin the planning process. At that time, you will need to provide the names and contact information of 2-3 potential placement sites whose programs accord with the level and type of practicum you are undertaking (see CHYS2251, 3351, 3352, and 4451 for descriptions).

The practicum coordinator will contact the sites in order to determine their willingness and availability to host you as a practicum student, and the appropriateness of the program/facility as a professional practicum site.

The CYS Department is not under an obligation or responsible for locating Distance practicum sites for students or ensuring arrangements have been by the posted practicum start dates.

If you have questions about suitability, or other matters pertaining to Distance practicum contact the coordinator (CHYSPracticum@msvu.ca) in a timely manner.

Practicum Course Descriptions:

CHYS 2251 - Practicum I: Early Childhood Setting 0.5 unit

Prerequisite: CHYS 2208 or 2209 (either may be taken concurrently with CHYS 2251) and admission to the Bachelor of Arts (Child and Youth Study)

Field experiences in early childhood settings in conjunction with seminars which examine these experiences in relation to theories and methods of working with young children. Placements are completed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Note: Students may not enrol in any other daytime courses on these days.

CHYS 3351

Practicum II - 0.5 unit

Prerequisite: completion of 10.0 units of university credit including CHYS 2201, 2208, 2209, one of CHYS 2251/3352/4451 and admission to the Bachelor of Arts (Child and Youth Study)

Field experience in settings for children and youth with diverse needs in conjunction with seminars which relate the experiences to theories and methods of working with children and youth with diverse needs. Placements are completed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Note: Students may not enrol in any other daytime courses on these days. Students who have received credit for CHYS 2252 may not take this course for credit.

CHYS 3352

Practicum III - 0.5 unit

Prerequisites: completion of 10.0 units of university credit including CHYS 2201, 2208, 2209, two of CHYS 2251/3351/4451 and admission to the Bachelor of Arts (Child and Youth Study).

Placements in youth/adolescent settings require CHYS 3320; some placements in administration require CHYS 4407. (CHYS 3320 and 4407 may be taken concurrently with practicum.)

Field experience in a wide range of programs for children, youth and families in conjunction with seminars which examine relevant issues and the relationship between theory and practice. Placements are completed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Note: Students may not enrol in any other daytime courses on these days.

CHYS 4451

Practicum IV - 0.5 unit

Prerequisites: completion of 15.0 units of university credit including PSYC 2222 and CHYS 3352 and all specific prerequisites for placements as noted for CHYS 3352 and admission to the Bachelor of Arts (Child and Youth Study)

This practicum provides an opportunity for students to gain experience in a wide range of services for children, youth and families related to their interests and future goals.

Requirements of each placement are developed individually with the placement and supervisor. Placements are completed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Note: Students may not enrol in any other daytime courses on these days.

BA (Child & Youth Study) HONOURS

The CHYS Honours program will be of interest to students who enjoy independent research or intend to undertake graduate study. Students complete a research project on a topic of interest to them related to the field of child and youth study, under faculty supervision. Sample projects include interviews, surveys, media studies, literature reviews, policy analyses, and observation studies. The outcome will normally be an oral presentation and a written thesis.

Students must fulfill the following requirements:

- all the requirements of the 22-unit undergraduate degree including completion of CHYS 4499 (Honours Thesis)
- 1.0 unit from each core group A, B, and C listed in the University Calendar under Bachelor of Arts, General Studies:
 - Core A – Sciences & Mathematics (1.0 unit)
 - Core B – Social Sciences (1.0 unit)
 - Core C – Humanities (1.0 unit)
- have achieved a minimum GPA of 3.0 and a grade of at least C- in 10 units of the required CHYS courses
- have achieved a minimum grade of B- in CHYS2211
- achieve a minimum of B- in CHYS4499 and
- obtain an overall GPA of 3.0 or better in all courses counted for the degree beyond the first 5.0 units taken. Note: Practicum courses (CHYS2251, 3351, 3352, and 4451) cannot be counted in the calculation of the GPA.

Note: First-class honours will be awarded to students who maintain a GPA of 3.5 or better in 10 units in the honours subject and no grade below B- in all courses counted for the degree beyond the first 5.0 units taken.

Acceptance Procedure

Students are encouraged to discuss the Honours program and possible topics with individual faculty. In the spring, an information session will be held for interested students to explain the requirements and application process for the Honours Thesis.

Students wishing to obtain an honours degree must make formal application through the department by May 1 of the third year of the program or after the completion of 15 units. See requirements at:

<http://www.msvu.ca/en/home/programsdepartments/professionalstudies/childandyouthstudy/honoursprogram/default.aspx>

By June the Department will confirm acceptance into the Honours Program and confirm the thesis supervisor at this time.

The thesis supervisor, in consultation with the student, will ask another faculty member to act as second reader.

Details of the procedures for completing the honours thesis are available on the CHYS website.

CHILD AND YOUTH STUDY FACULTY SUPPORTING STUDENT LEARNING AND DELIVERING QUALITY TEACHING

Faculty in the Department maintain an open relationship with students in the program. Student feedback is welcomed,

CYS Faculty instructor ratings are consistently good and students' feedback is positive and supportive. Student responses on teaching evaluations demonstrate the faculty provide engaging and stimulating classes with opportunities for discussions and active learning. Students also comment on the availability of faculty to meet with them, and the supportive nature of their interactions.

The faculty respond to student concerns to ensure that their issues are addressed and that they receive high quality teaching and learning experiences.

Academic Advising

All Child and Youth Study Students are to seek Academic Advising through the [Centre for Academic Advising and Student Success](https://www.msvu.ca/campus-life/centre-for-academic-advising-and-student-success/) (CAASS). **Advising can be conducted with a CAASS Academic Advisor via telephone, skype, email or in person when campus is open.** Students are encouraged to meet with a CAASS Academic Advisor at least once per academic year; You can contact the Centre via email advising@msvu.ca to book an appointment.

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The **Child and Youth Study Advising Checklist** for students can be found by following the link below:
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A sample of the 2020-21 checklist can be found on page 23



Department of Child and Youth Study
22.0 unit Bachelor of Arts (Child and Youth Study)
Calendar Year: 2020-2021

Name:
 Student ID#:
 Advisor:
 Date:

Important Notes

Academic Advising: all CHYS students must seek academic advising once admitted to the program. Contact advising@msvu.ca or drop by the Centre for Academic Advising and Student Success in Seton 304.

GPA: students must obtain a GPA of 2.0 in 9.0 units of required coursework, including the 8.5 units of required professional coursework (excluding NUTR 2240 and PSYC 2222). *Note: practicum courses cannot be counted in the calculation of the GPA.*

Minor: students may complete a 3.0 unit minor by fulfilling the requirements for the minor as specified by the department offering the minor. Students must achieve a 2.0 GPA in the required 3.0 units.

Practicum: CHYS students are required to successfully complete of 2.0 units of supervised practicum, at least 0.5 unit of which must be completed under CHYS department supervision. These practica are completed in a variety of community-based programs and services for children, youth, and families and are completed on Tuesday and Thursdays during the fall and winter, or as four-week block placements (Monday-Friday) in Summer Sessions I & II. Students may not enroll in daytime courses during practica days. Before any placement, students must meet the following prerequisites:

- a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher at the end of the academic term prior to the practicum experience.
- completion of all prerequisites for the practicum for which they intend to register.

Students who do not complete any practicum successfully will not be permitted to continue in the program.

Child Abuse Register, Vulnerable Sector Check and First Aid Certification: Students are required to produce the following documents on the first day of each of their practica: Child Abuse Registry letter, Vulnerable Sector Check, and Emergency First Aid & CPR "C"/AED certificate. Go to msvu.ca/practicumdocs for more information on obtaining the required documentation. In accordance with government of Nova Scotia requirements, students who do not produce the required documentation will not be permitted to proceed with the practicum.

While you are strongly encouraged to seek out academic advising throughout your time at the Mount, you are ultimately responsible for meeting all degree requirements as listed in the academic calendar.

Comprehensive Check

CHYS units remaining: of 11.0
 CHYS GPA: (min 2.0)
 Req. Arts & Science units remaining: of 7.0
 Elective units remaining: of 4.0
 Overall GPA: (min 1.7)

Required Professional Courses & Practica (11.0 units)

Course ID	Unit	Grade	Notes/Plans
CHYS 1110	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CHYS 1120	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CHYS 1130	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CHYS 2201	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CHYS 2204	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CHYS 2208	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CHYS 2209	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CHYS 3311	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CHYS 3314	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CHYS 3315	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CHYS 4407	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CHYS 4416	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

CHYS 4421	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
NUTR 2240	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Select 2.0 units from CHYS courses not otherwise required for the program.

Course ID	Unit	Grade	Notes/Plans
<input type="text"/>	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Practica

CHYS 2251	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CHYS 3351	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CHYS 3352	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CHYS 4451	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Do you have...

11.0 units required for professional coursework and practica completed?

Yes No Remaining:

A GPA of 2.0 or more in 9.0 units of required coursework (see GPA notes for included courses)

Yes No GPA:

Required Arts and Science Courses (7.0 units)

Course ID	Unit	Grade	Notes/Plans
BIOL 1114	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
ENGL or WRIT	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
ENGL or WRIT	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
HIST Elect.	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
HIST Elect.	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
MATH 2208	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
MATH 2209	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
PSYC 1110	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
PSYC 1120	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
PSYC 2221	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Course ID	Unit	Grade	Notes/Plans
PSYC 2222	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Core B or C	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

FSGN 2212 or FSGN 2312 or SOAN 2520

<input type="text"/>	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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0.5 unit of PSYC at 2000 level or above

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Do you have....

7.0 units of required Arts and Science courses?

Yes No Remaining:

General electives (4.0 units)

Note: You may choose a 3.0 unit minor in any area that offers a minor.

3.0 units of Free Electives (any level)

Course ID	Unit	Grade	Notes/Plans
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<input type="text"/>	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

1.0 units of Arts or Science Electives (2000 level or above)

Course ID	Unit	Grade	Notes/Plans
<input type="text"/>	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	0.5 unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Note: Consult with the CHYS Department Advising Booklet for a list of Arts or Science and Professional electives.

Do you have....

4.0 units of general electives completed?

Yes No Remaining:

A cumulative GPA of 1.7 or higher?

Yes No GPA: