

Child Studies

Level: Stage 2

Course length: Full year or Semester

Credit value: 20 Credits (Full year)

10 Credits (Semester)

Advice to students

No background knowledge is required.

Good literary and research skills are required.

Students will be required to work with children 8 years and under to 'test' some of their practical work.

Course overview

Child Studies focuses on the health, well-being and development of children from conception to 8 years.

Students will research, plan, facilitate and evaluate practical application of learning which matches the course requirements. Likely topics include nutrition, literacy and numeracy, stages of development, multicultural contexts, and special needs.

For the written investigation students will be able to research a topic of personal interest within the course context.

Child Studies consists of five areas of study

1. Contemporary and Future Issues
2. Economic and Environmental Influences
3. Political and Legal Influences
4. Sociocultural Influences
5. Technological Influences

10 Credit Child Studies comprises of two or three areas of study.

20 Credit Child Studies comprises all five areas of study.

Assessment

10 Credit Child Studies will be assessed through

School-based assessment

- Two practical activities 50%
 - One group activity 20%
 - One investigation 30%
 - External Assessment component
- 1000 words

20 Credit Child Studies will be assessed through

School-based assessment

- Four practical activities 50%
 - Two group activities 20%
 - One investigation 30%
 - External Assessment component
- 2000 words

Pathways

Child Studies provides a range of tertiary courses and careers in areas such as social work, education, child care, nursing and health sciences. Some of these may involve study and training in nationally accredited training packages.