JUVENILE JUSTICE AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT MINOR

The Juvenile Justice and Youth Development Minor is an interdisciplinary and innovative program that embodies the core values of Rutgers University–Camden. Whether in a social work office, a juvenile treatment facility, or in a local school, the juvenile justice minor program gives students access to experience civic engagement with our community while being challenged in creative thinking and problem-solving.

This minor represents an integrative approach that exposes students to specialized knowledge across disciplines, while also providing preparation and experiential learning for those who plan to work in the juvenile justice system or other youth-related fields. Studying in this program enriches student experiential learning, which will in turn contribute in a practical way to individuals in the wider Camden area.

Requirements

- Required courses satisfy 9 credits (3 courses)
- Elective courses satisfy 9 credits (3 courses)
- At least 3 of the 6 courses taken must be outside of a student’s major

Required courses (9 credits)

- 50:202:322 – Juvenile Justice (3 credits)
- 50:830:326 – Psychology of Adolescence (3 credits)
- One 3-credit course, satisfied by one of the following, with a significant experiential learning component relevant to juvenile justice and youth development. *Students taking any course except 50:202:372 must receive pre-approval of the site placement or activity associated with the course from the Program in Juvenile Justice and Youth Development.
  - 50:202:372 – Gender Advocacy in Juvenile Justice II (3 credits) – students taking this course work one-on-one with at-risk or justice-involved youth
  - 50:202:404 – Internship in Criminal Justice (*pre-approval required, 3 credits)
  - 50:830:493 – Applied Experience in Psychology (*pre-approval required, 3 credits)
  - 50:910:220 – Introduction to Social Work and Social Services (*pre-approval required, 3 credits)
Elective Courses (9 credits)

*Criminal Justice*
50:202:310 – Juvenile Delinquency
50:202:337 – Poor, Minorities and Justice
50:202:363 – Topics in Juvenile Justice (topics can vary)
50:202:371 – Gender Advocacy in Juvenile Justice I
50:202:372 – Gender Advocacy in Juvenile Justice II

*Sociology*
50:920:306 – Sociology of the Family
50:920:313 – Theories of Crime and Delinquency
50:920:323 – Sociology of Childhood and Adolescence
50:920:344 – Sociology of Deviance
50:920:345 – Sociology of Education

*Anthropology*
50:070:308 – Childhood and Culture
50:070:313 – Child Health and Illness

*Psychology*
50:830:203 – The Psychology of Minority Groups
50:830:226 – Psychology of Childhood
50:830:440 – Developmental Psychopathology

*Childhood Studies*
50:163:101 – Introduction to Childhood Studies
50:163:250 – Child Health and Disparities
50:163:320 – History of Youth
50:163:382 – Urban Education
50:163:481 – Child Well-Being

*Social Work*
50:910:352 – Groups at Risk in Contemporary Society

*Please note: Interested students should contact their academic advisor for more information on the Minor in Juvenile Justice and Youth Development*