



UNIVERSITY
of
GREENWICH

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Childhood Studies

BA Hons



Avery Hill Campus

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Why study this programme?

This holistic programme covers the whole age range from 0–18. Therefore, it is one of the widest ranging in the UK, with options in every aspect of childhood studies from early years to youth justice.

Students are taught by research-active staff and introduced to a range of subject areas (all of which are relevant to understanding children and their place in society) such as psychology, sociology, history, the arts, film, and children's literature. These courses offer a global perspective on many aspects of childhood, such as family and health.

The programme provides many opportunities for specialisation in students' own interests, as well as a core curriculum. This programme is delivered jointly with the School of Health & Social Care; therefore, lecturers have expertise in paediatric nursing, social work, health visiting,

child protection, as well as teaching and youth work. The degree provides a sound foundation for those wishing to pursue careers working with children and young people, as well as for those whose main interest is in childhood as an academic subject, and who may wish to take up postgraduate study.

Why study with us?

The School of Education exemplifies the very best practice in teaching and learning through interactive lectures and seminars, electronic media, peer learning, tutorials and a wide variety of resources.

The School is one of the most diverse of its kind in the country: our programmes, both academic and professional, cover subjects ranging from early years, primary and secondary education to lifelong learning and informal educational settings.

We are a large but friendly School and ensure that each student receives individual attention. We are proud of our pastoral care, which supports our students and helps them achieve their goals.

A vital ingredient that helps maximise the success of our students is our diverse partnerships with community projects, the volunteer sector, adult education centres, teaching schools and academies. These help keep our programmes relevant to the needs of the workplace.

Our programmes are supported by research and scholarship. Many of our lecturers are active researchers with a



wide range of interests in fields such as teaching poetry, leadership, play and recreation, natural learning, music education and education policy.

Our professional programmes have recently undergone a successful Ofsted inspection, with some aspects of our provision being graded as outstanding. The university has been ranked number one for teaching excellence in London in the Sunday Times University Guide.

The School of Education is located on our Avery Hill Campus, which is set in pleasant parkland in south-east London. Avery Hill has convenient transport links to our other campuses and to Kent and central London. The Students' Union University of Greenwich (www.suug.co.uk) organises a variety of sports and social activities on campus.

What will you study?

Year 1

Students follow a variety of introductory courses which lay the foundations for future learning.

- Childhood in Social and Cultural Perspective (30 credits)
- The Learner, Development and Education (30 credits)
- Introduction to Health and Wellbeing from Conception to Adulthood (30 credits)
- Academic Skills for Childhood Studies (15 credits)
- Children, Young People, Family and Society (15 credits)

Year 2

During Year 2 there are more opportunities to specialise, as well as to learn more about research and working with children and young people.

- Integrated Approaches to Working with Children and Young People (15 credits)
- Diversity and Adversity: Risk and Resilience in Childhood and Adolescence (15 credits)
- Research: Investigating Children and their Childhoods (30 credits)
- Representations and Experiences of Childhood and Adolescence (30 credits)

One 30-credit option from the following:

- Education in Early Years
- Later Years: An Interdisciplinary perspective
- Aspects of Children's Literature
- Supporting Learners with Additional Educational Needs
- Global Childhoods
- Outdoor Learning, and Children
- Young People, the Arts and Community

Year 3

During Year 3 all students undertake an in-depth critical review of an area of interest relevant to children and their childhoods.

- Investigating Childhood and Enquiry Project (30 credits)
- Theoretical and Social Perspectives of Children and Young People (30 credits)



Key facts

UCAS code: X310 A BA/CS

Attendance:

3 years full-time, 4–6 years part-time.

Entry requirements:

Applicants should have:

240 UCAS points

PLUS at least three GCSEs at grade C or above (including English) or equivalent.

How to apply:

- Full-time applications must be made through UCAS at www.ucas.ac.uk. Applicants are advised to carefully consider the programmes available and apply as early as possible.
- Part-time students should apply directly to the University of Greenwich. Part-time application forms are available at www.gre.ac.uk/apply.

One 30-credit option from the following (30 credits):

- Early Years Development
- Later (Adolescent) Years
- Cross Cultural Perspectives
- Managing Additional Educational Needs and Inclusion
- Images of Childhood in Literature, Art and Film
- Comparative Education and Childhood

AND

Two 15-credit options from the following:

- Contemporary Parenting
- Keeping Children Safe from Harm
- Health and Welfare of Young People
- Domestic Abuse
- Promoting Sexual Health
- Child Health in Global Perspective

Career opportunities

This programme provides a sound preparation for the postgraduate programme in primary teaching, social work, children's nursing and play therapy, as well as further academic study. Opportunities exist in education, health and social care and community settings, and also in the early years sector.

Teaching and assessment

The programme is currently assessed mainly by continuous assessment of coursework, with some exams. The assessment criteria for all courses can be found in our course guides.

Financial information

For up-to-date information on tuition fees, bursaries and scholarships, visit www.gre.ac.uk/finance.



Your next step

University Open Days are held several times a year. They include a programme of talks and offer you the opportunity to speak to staff and students. You may also be given a tour of the campus. A list of dates can be found at **www.gre.ac.uk/opensdays**, or contact the Enquiry Unit or International Office for further information.



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