Bachelor of Arts in Child and Adolescent Development

Psychology Department -- CHAD

Student Handbook

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Welcome to the CSU San Marcos Psychology Department!

This student handbook was developed by the members of the Psychology faculty to inform you about our requirements, offer advice, introduce you to the faculty, and to answer general questions about our Child and Adolescent Development (CHAD) major. Tenure-track Psychology faculty are able to advise you about courses in the CHAD major as CHAD is an academic sub-discipline of Psychology and is grounded in scientific inquiry, critical thinking, and in-depth analysis of issues of human development. More specific questions regarding career and education paths in CHAD can be directed to the CHAD Program Director, Sharon Hamill, or to Developmental Psychology faculty. Your understanding of our program aims and expectations will be helpful to you. Please review the handbook carefully and keep it readily accessible for future reference. Also, visit our CHAD website (www.csusm.edu/chad) for updates, news, and activities.

The Psychology faculty members are active scholars from diverse areas of training and specialization. The faculty is a dedicated group of instructors who seek to make your undergraduate education in child and adolescent development rich and meaningful. We offer a challenging and high quality undergraduate curriculum that provides an excellent background in psychological and developmental theory, research, and application. The rewards from succeeding in our program include a strong preparation toward your career or graduate goals, personal and professional insight, and a better appreciation of our diverse world.

Become involved in as many aspects of your university education as possible. We look forward to knowing you.

Best regards,

CHAD/Psychology Faculty
Mission Statement

The Mission of the Child and Adolescent Development (CHAD) B.A. degree program is to prepare students for employment in various fields and/or advanced study in developmental science by educating them in the fundamental concepts, theories, and laboratory/field techniques used in the empirical study of development from the prenatal period through emerging adulthood.

Program Description

The Child and Adolescent Development (CHAD) major focuses on the developmental processes that occur from conception through the end of adolescence. Students gain a comprehensive overview of typical and atypical development through exploration of empirically derived milestones across biological, cognitive, and psychosocial developmental domains. Course topics focus on developmental trajectories, theories, developmental research methods, ethics, and contexts of development. Throughout the curriculum, special emphasis is placed on the interaction of the individual and environment in the unfolding of development. Students acquire knowledge through exposure to relevant scientific literature, research projects, observations, and fieldwork. The curriculum provides students with a variety of tools to acquire, communicate, and disseminate information so that they may develop a lifelong pursuit of developmental inquiry. Graduates receive an excellent foundation for subsequent careers working with children and adolescents in various fields including research, education, health care, public policy and advocacy, the law, and counseling.

Career Opportunities

The Child and Adolescent Development major provides an excellent preparation for careers in developmentally related public organizations, teaching institutions, service agencies, and mental and physical health facilities. Our undergraduate program provides appropriate background for graduate training in developmental psychology, including experimental, applied, and clinical programs. Coursework in CHAD is also relevant to graduate training in counseling, teaching, medicine, law, child advocacy, and public policy relating to children and adolescents.

Program Director: Dr. Sharon Hamill

Support Staff: Soheyla Mohseni and Sonia Tubiolo
CHAD Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs)

Students completing the Bachelor of Arts in Child and Adolescent Development will be able to:

1. Compare and contrast typical and atypical development of children and adolescents.

2. Locate, interpret, and critically evaluate scholarly articles in developmental psychology.

3. Apply theoretical knowledge and methodological skills to observation, assessment, and interaction with children, adolescents, and the adults in their environment.

4. Describe the scientific approach to developmental psychology and apply basic research methods in developmental psychology, including research design, qualitative and quantitative analysis, and interpretation.

5. Clearly and effectively express ideas using oral communication skills with attention to audience and topic.

6. Demonstrate effective written communication skills in a variety of formats and for a variety of audiences, using APA format when appropriate.

7. Evaluate the role that context (i.e., family, peers, schools, communities, cultures) plays in development.

8. Describe and defend the guidelines for the ethical treatment of children and adolescents as articulated by the American Psychological Association, the Society for Research in Child Development, and the Society for Research on Adolescence.
# Major Requirements

## Lower Division (5 courses/15 units required)

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## Upper Division (11 courses/33 units required)

**Core Courses required of all students**

- PSYC 331 Inf & Child: Theories and Research 3 units
- PSYC 349 Adolescence: Theories and Research 3 units
- CHAD 370 Risk and Resilience in Childhood/Adolescence 3 units
- CHAD 491 Children, Adolescents and Social Policy 3 units

*Two lab courses (both labs require 100, 220, 230, and a specific lecture course* as a prerequisite)*

- PSYC 395 Lab in Developmental Psychology (*331 or 349 or 356) 3 units
- CHAD 496 Observation and Assessment Lab (*331 and 349) 3 units

## Cluster Courses (Choose one from each cluster; see Catalog for prerequisites)

**Cluster A: Atypical Child Development**

- PSYC 328 Developmental Psychopathology 3 units
- CHAD 339 Exceptional Children and Adolescents

**Cluster B: Contexts of Child and Adolescent Development**

- PSYC 343 Psychology of Work and Family 3 units
- PSYC 345 Psychology of Caregiving Across the Lifespan
- CHAD 345 Perspectives on Child Rearing
- CHAD 347 Peer Relationships in Childhood and Adolescence

**Cluster C: Understanding Others**

- PSYC 332 Social Psychology
- PSYC 333 Psychology of Prejudice
- PSYC 341 Multicultural Perspectives on Psychology
- PSYC 342 Group Dynamics
- PSYC 344 Positive Psychology
- PSYC 351 Social Cognition
- PSYC 356 Adulthood and Aging

**Cluster D: Intrapersonal Development**

- PSYC 334 Psychology of Personality
- PSYC 360 Biopsychology
- PSYC 362 Cognitive Psychology
- PSYC 365 Socioemotional Development

**Cluster E: Researching/Working with Children and Adolescents**

- PSYC 340 Survey of Clinical Psychology
- PSYC 354 Educational Psychology
- PSYC 495 Field Experience
- CHAD 450 Practicum in Early Childhood Education
- PSYC 498 Independent Study
- PSYC 499 Independent Research
- EDUC/HD 380 Applications in Child/Youth Development

**Total Units** 48
Special Requirements

Each course counted toward the major must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or higher. No more than a total of three (3) units taken from either Independent Study (PSYC 498) or Independent Laboratory Research (PSYC 499) may be applied toward the major. No more than three (3) units of Field Experience (PSYC 495) may be applied toward the major. A minimum of eighteen (18) units counted toward the CHAD major must have been completed at CSU San Marcos. You must acquire approval in writing from your major advisor prior to enrolling in courses at any other institution if they are to be counted toward the major here.

In addition to the CHAD Major Requirements there are a number of General Education Requirements. Please consult the university catalog or a GE advisor if you have questions about those requirements. Note that you cannot fulfill your upper division GE requirements with courses from CHAD or from the Psychology major. Thus, your upper division GE courses must be taken outside of CHAD/Psychology.

Consult the General Catalog for official course descriptions.

Description of the Major

Lower Division Courses

There are five (5) lower division courses required for the CHAD major: Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 100), Introduction to Developmental Psychology (PSYC 210), Psychosocial Influences on the Child (PSYC 215), Introductory Statistics in Psychology (PSYC 220), and Research Methods (PSYC 230). All are offered at CSU San Marcos. Local community colleges, and most universities, offer some courses that satisfy our lower division requirements. For example:

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### CSUSM requirement | Accepted community college courses
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PSYC 220: Introductory Statistics in Psychology | Palomar: PSYC 205 or SOC 205  
MiraCosta: PSYC 104 or SOC 104 (not Math 103)  
Mt. San Jacinto: MATH 140  
SDCCD Mesa, Miramar, City: PSYC 258
PSYC 230: Research Methods in Psychology | Palomar: PSYC 230  
MiraCosta: PSYC 205

These articulation agreements are renegotiated annually. If you plan to take a psychology or child development course at a community college other than introductory or general psychology consult with a CSU San Marcos psychology faculty member first. A full list of courses currently accepted from other colleges without requiring faculty approval is available online at [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org). Further information on issues related to transfer can be found on the Department website: [www.csusm.edu/psychology](http://www.csusm.edu/psychology) under Transfer Student Information.

As a general rule, we do not accept statistics courses taken in MATH departments, as they do not provide students with the necessary background in behavioral statistics for success in our upper division CHAD laboratory classes.

### List of Lower Division Courses

**Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 100)**
Provides an introduction to the core areas of Psychology. It is the prerequisite for many upper division psychology and CHAD courses.

**Introduction to Developmental Psychology (PSYC 210)**
Provides an introduction to development from birth through adolescence. It is a prerequisite for many of the upper division CHAD courses.

**Psychosocial Influences on Child Development (PSYC 215)**
Provides an introduction to children’s/adolescents’ psychosocial worlds of family, school, and community. It is a prerequisite for many of the upper division CHAD courses.

**Introductory Statistics in Psychology (PSYC 220)**
All of the research methods courses (i.e., PSYC 230 and "lab" courses: PSYC 395 and CHAD 496) assume you have taken statistics as a prerequisite. *It is critically important that you have this preparation.* If you have not taken statistics prior to beginning your major at CSU San Marcos, you should make arrangements to do so right away. (MATH statistics does not fulfill this requirement.)

**Research Methods in Psychology (PSYC 230)**
Both of the upper division research methods ("lab") courses list PSYC 230 as a prerequisite. This requirement is strictly enforced.
Human Participant Pool
Three of the Lower Division psychology courses (PSYC 100, PSYC 220, PSYC 230) require participation in psychology experiments that are conducted by faculty and students here on campus. Involvement in psychological research is an active way of participating in the science of psychology. The HPP requirement will be explained in your course syllabus each semester and on the department website.

What other lower division psychology courses that I have taken elsewhere will count toward my major at CSU San Marcos?

No other Lower Division psychology or child development course, whether taken at a community college or a 4-year college/university, and regardless of its title or content, will count toward the CHAD major at CSU San Marcos. These courses probably do apply to your total units toward graduation (this is determined by Admissions), but NOT toward the major requirements. Other Psychology or Child Development courses you have taken at the lower division level are considered good preparation for coursework at the upper division level, but cannot substitute for upper division work. If you have taken upper division psychology and/or child development courses elsewhere, check with the Psychology Department Faculty Advising Coordinator, Dr. Sharon Hamill (SBSB 3206), to determine if those courses will satisfy a requirement here.

Upper Division Courses

Upper Division Laboratory Courses (Advanced Research Methods -- PSYC 395 and CHAD 496)
The psychology/CHAD laboratory options acquaint students with characteristic research techniques in developmental psychology. The lab classes are activity-oriented; they are challenging and involve a significant commitment of time. Students conduct research projects both in and out of class. Plan your schedule so that you take no more than one (1) upper division laboratory course per semester. Also, you must take PSYC 230 Research Methods before taking an upper-division lab class.

The psychology program offers enough sections of advanced research methods classes each semester to meet general student enrollment needs. The program will offer the upper division laboratory courses on a regular basis, but we cannot guarantee that the one lab that you need to graduate will be available in the semester you need to take it.

Each of the upper division laboratory courses has a companion lecture course prerequisite. You must take the lecture class before (not concurrently with) taking the lab class. The lecture course covers topics, theories, hypotheses and research; the lab courses give you experience with primary methodologies and characteristic research designs in the field.

Prerequisite lecture courses for the two upper division laboratory courses (including the PSYC 100, PSYC 220 and PSYC 230 prerequisites) are as follows:

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Please note that the prerequisites for lab courses will be strictly enforced, and must be completed with a grade of C or better before enrolling in the lab (i.e., no concurrent enrollment). If you took the prerequisite courses anywhere other than CSU San Marcos, please bring copies of your transcripts to the first day of class so that your prerequisites can be verified.

Background Check Requirement for CHAD 496 Observation and Assessment Lab
All CHAD majors are required to complete CHAD 496 and this course will be taught at the Center for Children and Families (CCF), on campus. As part of their licensing requirement, the CCF will only allow students with clear background checks to take the course at the Center. In order to complete the background check process, students will need to **complete** the first two tasks **no earlier than one year** (**Livescan and TB tests are good for one year**) and **no later than 3 weeks prior** to the start of the semester in which they take CHAD 496 (or any course that requires contact with minors). The third task must be **completed no later than 3 weeks prior** to the start of the semester in which they enroll in CHAD 496.

1. Students will submit to a **background and fingerprint check** through Live Scan. This process requires that students provide a **Social Security Number** and some form of ID (e.g., driver’s license) at the time that the fingerprints are taken. The student is responsible for fees.
2. Students must complete a **Tuberculosis (TB)** test and submit results to the CCF. The student is responsible for fees.
3. Students must demonstrate a **history of full immunization** to measles, mumps, and rubella by bringing their immunization records to the CCF.

Be advised that if you have a prior misdemeanor or felony conviction, your background check may be flagged. The CCF will determine whether the student will be allowed to work with children, and the university has no authority to overrule this decision. If the CCF notifies the CHAD Program Director that a student is ineligible, the student will be disenrolled from the CHAD 496 course and required to meet with the CHAD Program Director to discuss choice of major. Failure to complete all of the required screening in the stated timeframe will result in the student being disenrolled from the course.

Screening for other courses **NOT meeting at the CCF** (CHAD 450 Practicum, PSYC 495 Field Study, PSYC 499 Independent Research, or EDUC 380/HD 380):

If students opt to conduct Field Studies or Research at facilities outside of the CCF as part of their satisfaction of major requirements in Cluster E, they may be required to submit to additional screening (e.g., drug testing). Students must they must **complete** and obtain a clear background check and any additional screening **no earlier than one year and no later than three weeks** prior to the start of the semester in which they will begin the course. These requirements are agency-specific, therefore no information about particular tests is provided here; students must consult with the agency.

PLEASE NOTE: All CHAD majors must sign **Acknowledgement of Child and Adolescent Development (CHAD) Program Required Background Checks** letter when they declare the major and return it to Dr. Sharon Hamill, CHAD Program Director, in the Psychology Office (SBSB 3222).

More information can be found on the CHAD website: [www.csusm.edu/CHAD](http://www.csusm.edu/CHAD)
**Required Lecture Courses**
The CHAD program requires that you take seven (4) core lecture courses:
- PSYC 331: Infancy and Childhood: Theories and Research
- PSYC 349: Adolescence: Theories and Research
- CHAD 370: Risk and Resiliency
- CHAD 491: Children, Adolescents and Social Policy

These are designed to provide a broad overview of developmental psychology from infancy through adolescence in addition to providing a strong foundation in environmental factors that impact development.

The first two (2) core lecture courses are prerequisites for advanced lab classes, so take them early in your program. The Psychology Department normally offers at least one section of PSYC 331 and 349 each semester. CHAD 370 and CHAD 491 will be brought on within the first 1 ½ years of the CHAD program (Spring 2016 and/or Fall 2016), based on enrollment demand.

**Cluster Courses**
In addition to the required courses, CHAD majors must take five (5) upper division (300/400 level) psychology/CHAD classes (15 units). Consult the General Catalog for descriptions of courses that may be offered as cluster courses. The department makes an effort to offer most of the cluster courses on a regular basis, but you may not have the opportunity to take a particular course during your time with us because a number of the courses will only become available over the first 1 ½ years of the new CHAD program. If a cluster course that you particularly want is offered in a given semester, take it (if you have the required prerequisites). There is no guarantee that you will have a second chance.

The following cluster courses provide individually supervised learning experiences:

*Field Experience in Psychological Settings*
Psychology 495 is an elective course designed to provide supervised field experience in on- and off-campus community and institutional settings. Students will spend approximately six (6) hours per week in the field and attend weekly class meetings to discuss relevant theory and research. The Psychology Department does not give college credit for volunteer work or other field experiences unless they are associated with PSYC 495 or independent study (498-499, see below).

PSYC 495 is designed for advanced students (nine (9) units of upper-division psychology and consent of the instructor are required prior to taking this class). Enrollment is restricted; application forms (and further requirements) are available during the prior semester from the faculty member directing the field experience. Look for publicity about upcoming opportunities.

*Independent Study (PSYC 498)/Independent Research (PSYC 499)*
PSYC 498 projects are intended to be primarily library projects, in which the student conducts extensive library research on a topic of interest in developmental psychology. The resulting manuscript will typically be either a detailed research proposal or a theoretical paper written in APA (or other appropriate scientific) style. Innovative projects of a special nature may also be proposed as 498 projects. In all cases, such projects will involve gaining familiarity with the
relevant professional literature and a written report in APA (or other appropriate scientific) style. In some cases, 498 projects may include some field experiences. However, 498 shall not serve as a substitute for 495. No more than one-half of the hours of PSYC 498 shall consist of field placement.

PSYC 499 projects are intended to be primarily laboratory or field research projects, in which students receive a *variety* of "hands-on" research experiences (e.g., preparing stimulus materials, running participants, coding data, entering data into computer files, analyzing data). Students should read a minimum of 10-12 background articles or equivalent scientific literature related to the research project on which they are working. Students must submit an APA (or other appropriate scientific) style research report or research proposal at the conclusion of the 499.

To be eligible for PSYC 498 or 499, a student must have completed at least 48 units of undergraduate study, and must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better. In addition, for PSYC 499 you must have successfully completed (with a grade of C or better) at least one upper division laboratory course (PSYC 390-396). Final acceptance in PSYC 498 or PSYC 499 depends on the willingness of a faculty member to supervise you.

PSYC 498 or 499 are normally taken for three (3) units, although in some cases more or fewer are appropriate to the project. The course may be taken for one (1), two (2), three (3), or four (4) units, with varying expectations of workload. The number of units appropriate for each special studies project shall be determined by the faculty member.

If you want to take either PSYC 498 or 499, you should first check to be sure that you meet the eligibility requirements listed above. Then, contact a faculty member with whom you would like to work. If the faculty member is willing to sponsor you, obtain an "Independent Study/Research & Internship Contract" from the faculty member. Next, complete your part of the form and return it to the faculty member. You and the faculty member will then complete the "Contract Information" section of the form together. Finally, after obtaining the necessary signatures, return the completed form to Registration and Records in Cougar Central (Craven Hall 3rd Floor, Room 3900) to officially enroll in the class.

Please be aware that a student may enroll for no more than a total of four (4) units of PSYC 498 and/or 499 in one term without special permission from the Psychology Department Curriculum Committee. Also, although both 498 and 499 may be repeated, no more than three (3) units of PSYC 498 or 499 (combined) may be applied toward the major.

**Upper Division GE Requirements**
A number of Upper Division Psychology courses carry GE credit in Area BB, DD, and E. *Note that CHAD majors cannot take these courses for GE credit* (although they may satisfy requirements for the major, if listed on the CHAD majors worksheet). You must take GE courses outside the Psychology department.

**Other Graduation Requirements**
The General Catalog provides information on CSU San Marcos graduation requirements. Depending on your year of initial enrollment at CSU San Marcos, these requirements may vary. We suggest you consult Undergraduate Advising Services, located in Craven Hall 1300, for advisement on issues outside the CHAD major.
Grades
Remember, each course counted toward the major must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or higher. In addition, final grades in a course cannot be changed after they are submitted except in the case of a clerical error or where an error was made in the original evaluation (the grade was entered inaccurately, or the professor miscounted your points on the final exam, for example). This rule is stipulated by the CSU San Marcos catalog (see “Grade Changes”).

Advising

Course Registration Planning
We normally offer all courses specifically required for the major very frequently, usually every single semester. Other courses that are menu choices to satisfy a major requirement are not always offered as frequently.

- The upper division laboratory course PSYC 395 is offered every semester.
- CHAD 496 will be offered for the first time in Spring 2016.
- New required CHAD courses will be offered within the first 1 ½ years of the opening of the program (Spring 2016 and/or Fall 2016).

We encourage you to take this information into account when you plan your course registration. For example, if a course that you want to take is offered less frequently, you may wish to enroll for it when the first opportunity arises. If you need a course to fulfill a menu requirement you may not want to wait until your favored course is offered. In order to be able to take a laboratory course when it is offered, you will need to have the prerequisite lecture course, so you may wish to ensure that you enroll in the appropriate lecture courses early in your undergraduate career.

Reference Information
There are many sources of information about the CHAD Program and Psychology Department at CSU San Marcos. Most of the information needed to develop your program of studies is contained in the CSU San Marcos General Catalog and the Schedule of Classes. This CHAD Student Handbook has been developed to provide additional information. We also have a web page, where you can find most of the information (and more) contained in this handbook. The web page address is www.csusm.edu/chad.

Faculty Advising
We encourage you to select and visit your faculty advisor early in your academic career, and by the beginning of your junior year at the latest. You may choose a faculty member with whom you feel comfortable, a professor who has taught a course you enjoyed, or a faculty member who works in a research area that interests you. Your faculty advisor can give you advice on choosing courses, meeting requirements, planning for a career or graduate school, and succeeding in college. When you come to an advising session, bring a copy of your transcript, printable from the SMART system. Although you may see any faculty advisor for general advising, transfer courses from other institutions should be approved by the Advising Coordinator. For 2015-2016 the Faculty Advising Coordinator is Dr. Sharon Hamill. Additional questions about graduate study and/or careers in CHAD can be directed to the Developmental Psychology faculty: Dr. Sharon Hamill, Dr. Maureen Fitzpatrick, Dr. Sara Bufferd, Dr. Kimmie Vanderbilt or Dr. Kim Tsai.
Questions about non-psychology or non-CHAD aspects of your educational program (e.g., General Education) will require referral to university advisors. For information about academic advising, or to make an appointment with an advisor, go to www.csusm.edu/academicadvising.

**Psychology Academic Resource Lab (PARL)**
The Psychology Academic Resource Laboratory is a resource for all undergraduate psychology and CHAD students. The purpose of the PARL is to provide academic support for enhancing quantitative, computing, writing, biological, and research methodology skills that are essential to psychology. The PARL also offers a variety of specialized computer programs and tutorials on statistics, research methods, psychometrics, and the biological bases of behavior. Psychology graduate students staff the lab, which will be available during the semester on a drop-in basis. Graduate assistants also provide individual appointments for academic consultation. Finally, PARL schedules workshops, symposia, and videos presented by faculty, staff, and graduate students throughout the year. The presentations might include writing APA style papers, information about graduate/professional schools, career options in psychology, the Internet, information competence and research topics in psychology. PARL is held in SBSB 1206. PARL hours will be posted early in the semester. You may also find PARL hours on the department website (www.csusm.edu/psychology).

**Peer Advising**
PARL is also available for peer advising. The PARL advisors can offer advising on course selection, major/minor requirements, transfer courses and graduate school preparation. You can drop in for peer advising during PARL’s regularly scheduled hours.

**Graduation**
*Graduation is not automatic upon the completion of requirements.* Students who intend to graduate must take the initiative. Upon completion of 85 units, the student is eligible to file an application for graduation with Enrollment Services. The Class Schedule each semester specifies the filing date, which is well in advance of the expected graduation date (usually early in the semester before graduation). Deadlines for graduation application are also available on the web at www.csusm.edu/enroll/graduation. Sometime after you apply for graduation you will receive a notice detailing your current status and courses remaining to be taken. If you have any questions about your graduation notice, see a campus academic advisor right away.

**Career Counseling**
The [Career Center](#), located in Craven Hall 1400, offers a variety of services to assist students in choosing educational paths, assessing life direction and establishing career goals. Some of the services include:

- Personal career counseling
- SIGI Plus, a "user friendly" computer guidance program
- Workshops, seminars and professional panels
- Career library resources
- Graduate school information
- GRE Practice Tests
- Job and career position listings
**Graduate school preparation**

You should *plan early* if you think graduate school is a possibility for you. Look for workshops hosted by the Psychology Student Organization (PSO) and Psi Chi (Psychology's honor society) on "How to get into graduate school." Please note that CHAD majors are eligible for membership in these student organizations (see the Psi Chi and PSO club webpages [http://www.csusm.edu/psychology/psych_club/index.html](http://www.csusm.edu/psychology/psych_club/index.html) for more information). Faculty members will present information on graduate admissions procedures, on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), and tips for improving your chances at acceptance.

A few general suggestions for graduate school aspirants include the following:

- Graduate schools like to see breadth in the undergraduate preparation.

- Psychology 424 (Advanced Psychological Statistics) is highly recommended for the grad-school bound student. Most doctoral programs will require you to have had it. We typically offer it once per year, in the fall semester.

- Graduate schools usually favor applicants with research experience. Good performance in lab classes, and collaborative research with faculty members, are highly desirable. It is a good idea to begin collaboration with faculty members early in your undergraduate program, so they are able to write strong letters of reference.

- Contrary to what you may have heard, it is not necessary to achieve a 4.0 GPA in order to gain entrance to graduate school. A high GPA is important, but straight A’s are not essential! A composite of good grades, good GRE scores, good letters of recommendation, and research experience is most likely to get you into graduate school.
About the Faculty...

Tenure-track faculty

**Sara J. Bufferd**, Ph.D. (2012, Stony Brook University). Dr. Bufferd joined CSUSM in the fall of 2012. Her area of specialization is clinical psychology. She completed her undergraduate work in human development at Cornell University, post-baccalaureate research in child psychiatry at Columbia University, and predoctoral clinical internship at the Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Bufferd’s research interests lie within a developmental psychopathology framework. She investigates factors that contribute to the onset and course of emotional and behavioral problems in young children, including temperament, psychosocial functioning, stressors, and parenting behavior. She is particularly interested in mood and anxiety disorders as well as distinguishing normative and pathological psychological development.

**Dustin P. Calvillo**, Ph.D. (2006, University of California, Santa Barbara). Before joining CSU San Marcos in 2007, Dr. Calvillo was a Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology at Ohio University. His area of specialization is cognitive psychology. Dr. Calvillo’s research focuses on a variety of higher-order cognitive processes, including aspects of human reasoning, judgment, and decision making.

**Nancy Caine**, Ph.D. (1980, University of California, Davis). Dr. Caine joined CSU San Marcos in 1992; her area of specialization is comparative psychology. She completed a postdoctoral traineeship in the Developmental Psychobiology Research Group at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, and was on the psychology faculty at Bucknell University (Pennsylvania) from 1981-1991. Her research focuses on antipredator behavior and sensory adaptations related to vigilance and foraging in nonhuman primates.


**Maureen Fitzpatrick**, Ph.D. (2001, University of California, Irvine). Dr. Fitzpatrick, a lifespan developmental psychologist, came to CSU San Marcos in 2000 as Visiting Faculty Fellow and joined the faculty full time in 2002. Her research focuses on the socioemotional development of infants and children; effects of non-parental care; and cross-generational relationships, including parent-child interactions and grandparent-grandchild relationships.

**Gerardo M. González**, Ph.D. (1989, California School of Professional Psychology, Fresno). Dr. González joined CSU San Marcos in 1991; his area of specialization is clinical psychology. He completed his predoctoral and postdoctoral clinical training at the University of California, Berkeley and a clinical-research fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco. Among his research interests are multicultural mental health issues (particularly for the Spanish-speaking), computerized clinical assessment, and the cognitive treatment of depression.
**Elisa Grant-Vallone,** Ph.D. (1998, Claremont Graduate University). Dr. Grant-Vallone joined the faculty in 1998 after graduating from Claremont Graduate University. Dr. Grant-Vallone studies organizational psychology, with an emphasis on work and family issues, work environments and employee health and well-being. She is particularly interested in how women make decisions about their work and family lives, benefit from multiple roles, and manage conflict and stress.

**Sharon B. Hamill,** Ph.D. (1990, University of California, Irvine). Dr. Hamill joined CSU San Marcos in 1996 after spending six years on the psychology faculty at the University of Puget Sound. Dr. Hamill’s research interests focus on parent-child relationships in multigenerational families across the lifespan. Her areas of specialization are adolescent/parent relationships, the development of prosocial behavior in adolescence, caregiving for aging parents in families of Alzheimer’s patients, and ethnic group differences in the provision of care to elderly family members.

**Heike I.M. Mahler,** Ph.D. (1986, University of California, San Diego). Previously Dr. Mahler was a Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology at California State University, Long Beach and a Research Psychologist at the University of California, San Diego. She joined CSU San Marcos in 1990. Her areas of specialization are health psychology and social psychology. Dr. Mahler's current research programs focus on how various psychosocial factors (e.g., coping style, social support) may affect recovery from major surgery, and how psychological factors affect the adoption of health behaviors.

**Kim Pulvers,** Ph.D., M.P.H. (2006, University of Kansas). Dr. Pulvers joined the faculty at CSU San Marcos in 2008 following two years as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Pulvers is a clinical psychologist specializing in health behavior change. Her areas of interest are disease prevention and health promotion; addiction and relapse prevention, particularly smoking cessation; weight management and body image; and positive psychology, particularly the study of hope. Her program of research focuses on how psychological factors impact health behavior change.

**P. Wesley Schultz,** Ph.D. (1995, Claremont Graduate University). Dr. Schultz joined the faculty at CSU San Marcos in 1997 after two years as a Visiting Assistant Professor at St. Lawrence University. His areas of specialization are social psychology, statistics, and conservation psychology, and much of his work involves the application of social psychological theories to understand and solve social problems. Recent projects include studies of environmental programs (e.g., energy conservation, water conservation, recycling, and marketing sustainable products), the behavioral dimensions of climate change, cross-cultural research on environmental attitudes, and longitudinal research on programs aimed at encouraging underrepresented students to pursue careers in science. Dr. Schultz is currently serving as Interim Dean of Graduate Studies and Associate Vice President for Research.

**Miriam W. Schustack,** Ph.D. (1981, Carnegie-Mellon University). Prior to joining CSU San Marcos in 1991, Dr. Schustack was an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Harvard University and a research scientist for the U.S. government. Her areas of specialization are cognitive psychology and personality. Among Dr. Schustack's research interests are skilled reading and the development of literacy, reasoning and problem solving, language, and human-computer interaction.
Marie Thomas, Ph.D. (1981, Fordham University). Before joining CSU San Marcos in 1995, Dr. Thomas was on the faculty at the College of Mount St. Vincent (New York) and worked as a Personnel Research Psychologist at the Navy Personnel Research & Development Center in San Diego. Her area of expertise is psychological tests and measurement, and she has research interests in the study of individual differences in cognitive abilities and personality. She has also conducted research on the effectiveness of various teaching techniques. Dr. Thomas received the 1998-1999 Harry E. Brakebill Distinguished Professor Award.

Keith Trujillo, Ph.D. (1985, University of California, Irvine). Dr. Trujillo joined CSU San Marcos in 1994. His areas of specialization are psychopharmacology and neuroscience. His current research focuses on behavioral and neural effects of psychoactive drugs, including drugs of abuse (such as opiates, methamphetamine and club drugs) and psychotherapeutic drugs (such as antidepressants and antipsychotics). In addition to his classroom teaching and his laboratory research, Dr. Trujillo has strong interests in increasing diversity in science and academia, and in training the next generation of scientists. Among the honors he has received are the Cal State San Marcos President’s Award for Scholarly and Creative Activity (in 2001) and the National Award of Excellence in Mentorship from the National Hispanic Science Network (in 2005).

Kim Tsai, Ph.D. (2014, University of California, Los Angeles). Dr. Tsai joined CSUSM in 2015. Her area of specialization is in developmental psychology. Her research centers on how culture shapes family relationships and ethnic identity development among adolescents from ethnic minority and immigrant backgrounds. She investigates which facets of family relationships are sources of strength and which are challenges for adolescents’ socio-emotional development and health. Dr. Tsai employs diverse methodologies including daily diary checklists and longitudinal designs in her research.

Kimmie Vanderbilt, Ph.D. (2013, University of California, San Diego). Dr. Vanderbilt joined CSU San Marcos in 2013. Her area of specialization is in social cognitive development. She completed her graduate and undergraduate degrees at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Vanderbilt’s research interests focus on how children (and people) learn to reason about the thoughts and behaviors of others. Particularly, she investigates how young children learn to judge the reliability of sources who provide information, as well as how and when children make inferences about the mental states of such sources.

Carrick C. Williams, Ph.D. (2003, Michigan State University). Prior to joining CSU San Marcos in 2014, Dr. Williams was at Mississippi State University (2005-2014) as an Assistant and then Associate Professor. His area of specialization is cognitive psychology with a specific interest in visual cognition. Dr. Williams' research focuses on the interaction of vision, attention, and memory when people view and process objects, faces, and scenes.

Part-Time Faculty for 2015-2016

The following instructors may teach psychology courses in 2015-2016. Additional faculty may be added as needs arise.

Kathleen Boyle, Ph.D. (1992, University of California, Los Angeles). Dr. Boyle joined CSUSM in Spring 2005, coming from California State University, Northridge. Previously, she was a Research Psychologist at UCLA, working in the area of drug abuse. Her research focus
included antecedents and consequences of prolonged drug use, and factors that predicted drug users’ adherence to HIV prevention

**Theresa Cook (Vazquez), M.A. (2011, UCR).** Theresa studies the influence of emotion on audiovisual speech perception, as well as cross-modal sensory integration and behavioral alignment. She is a Doctoral Candidate at UCR, where she teaches courses such as Introductory Psychology and Research Methods. Theresa teaches Introductory Psychology and Biopsychology at CSUSM.

**Michael Diehr, Ph.D. (1999, SDSU/UCSD Joint Program in Clinical Psychology).** Dr. Diehr has a B.S. in Cognitive Science and a Ph.D. in Clinical Neuropsychology. His research focus includes neurocognitive sequelae seen in disease (such as HIV) and psychoactive substance use, as well as development of assessment tools and software use in research. He teaches in the psychology department (Cognition), and on occasion in the College of Business Administrations (Databases). In addition to teaching, he manages a small company providing consulting services to non-profit and healthcare organizations, and tries to spend as much time at the beach and in the mountains as possible.

**Megan Dunbar, M.A. (2010, CSUSM).** Ms. Dunbar's area of specialization is industrial organizational psychology with research interests in leader development. She teaches industrial organizational psychology and group dynamics at CSUSM. She also teaches at Palomar College.

**Karen Eso, M.A.** Ms. Eso teaches Research Methods and Developmental Psychology: Infancy and Childhood.

**Megan Merlock Gliniecki, Ph.D. (2005, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center).** Dr. Gliniecki joined CSUSM in the Spring of 2011. She is a clinical psychologist with a special interest in health psychology that has included work with patients affected by cancer, organ transplants, Cystic Fibrosis and HIV/AIDS. She has also engaged in both clinical work and writing in the area of adults with severe mental illness. As part of that work, she has co-authored two book chapters and several academic articles regarding drug treatment and treatment compliance issues in patients with bipolar disorder. She has taught a wide variety of psychology courses at several universities in Chicago and the DC metroplex before moving to San Diego. At CSUSM, she has taught courses in Psychology of Personality (PSYC 334), Abnormal Psychology (PSYC 336), and Survey of Clinical Psychology (PSYC 340).

**Jenée James, Ph.D. (2010, University of Arizona).** Dr. James is a developmental psychologist with special interests in human evolution and development. Her program of research focuses on the developmental antecedents of variation in reproduction, mating, and parenting. Before joining CSUSM in the Spring of 2011, Dr. James taught a variety of courses at the College of William & Mary and the University of Arizona. She has taught Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 100), Developmental Psychology (PSYC 330), and Developmental Psychology Lab (PSYC 395) while at CSUSM.

**Marilyn Johnson-Kozlow, Ph.D. (2003, University of California, San Diego).** Dr. Johnson-Kozlow has a Master’s degree in Psychometric Methods, Psychology, from the University of Minnesota (2002). She is a behavioral epidemiologist with research interests in evaluation of health behavior change interventions, improving measurement of tobacco, physical activity and dietary intake, and understanding health disparities. She teaches several classes at Palomar
College in the Psychology Department as well as at San Diego State University in the Graduate School of Public Health. At CSUSM she teaches statistics (PSYC 220).

**Naomi Lowe**, M.A. (1997, CSUSM). Ms. Lowe’s area of specialization is biopsychology, with research interests including evolutionary psychology (short/long term mating and extroversion), statistics and neuropsychopharmacology. Ms. Lowe teaches in the Psychology and Biology departments at CSUSM and at Palomar Community College.

**Barbara McPherson**, M.A. (2008, CSUSM). Ms. McPherson's area of specialization is developmental psychology (lifespan and adult development) with research interests in developmental and positive psychology (with a focus on social learning, self-regulation, and creativity). Ms. McPherson teaches positive psychology and statistics in the Psychology department at CSUSM; she also teaches at MiraCosta College and Palomar College.

**Roger Morrissette**, Ph.D. (1997, UCLA/Stanford University). Dr. Morrissette is a neuroscientist with special interests in cellular aspects of learning and memory and sleep physiology. He is a tenured faculty in Behavioral Science at Palomar College where he teaches Physiological Psychology and Statistics. He has taught Research Methods (PSYC 230) for the Psychology Department at CSUSM since the Fall of 2004.

**Colleen Moss**, Ph.D. (1991, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale). Dr. Moss is an educational psychologist with interests in community mental health. Dr. Moss has taught classes in Developmental Psychology, Developmental Psychology Lab, Educational Psychology, Human Sexuality, and Critical Thinking at CSU San Marcos since 1997.

**Matthew O'Brien**, M.A. (2008, CSUSM). Mr. O'Brien's area of specialization is Cognitive Psychology with a specific interest in the fallibility of human memory in cases involving eyewitnesses. He teaches Cognitive Processes and Introduction to Psychology here at CSUSM, and an Introduction to Social Psychology class at Palomar College. He is near completion of his Ph.D. at Claremont Graduate University and plans to continue teaching when he is finished.

**Judith Phillips**, Ph.D. (2003, University of South Australia). Dr. Phillips has taught internationally and for the past several years has been teaching at community colleges in the San Diego area. She has taught at CSUSM since Fall 2006. Her research interests include pre-departure preparation, in-country support, and repatriation of expatriate employees and their families on global assignments; social support networks, stress and cross-cultural adjustment of accompanying spouses on global assignments; social-cognitive development of children; and gerontology.

**Michelle Vogel Trautt**, M.A. (2011, CSUSM). Michelle Vogel Trautt specializes in applied social and health psychology and more recently, has added educational leadership to her research interests, primarily focusing on the role of leadership in student and faculty service driven departments at the collegiate level. She teaches an array of courses including Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Behavioral Statistics and Research Methods for Behavioral Sciences, as well as Social and Developmental Psychology. She is also the Advisor for Gamma Sigma Alpha and Order of Omega, two academic honor societies at CSUSM that focus on student leadership throughout scholarship and service.

**Vincent Trofimoff**, Ph.D. (1992, University of California, Riverside). Dr. Trofimoff is a social and personality psychologist who has taught at CSU San Marcos since 1994. He usually teaches
Research Methods in Psychology and Computer Applications in Psychology. His research interests include prejudice, intergroup relations, cross-cultural psychology, and personality. Current projects investigate the impact of personal and collective self-esteem on group loyalty and the perceived legitimacy of group status differences.

Anna Woodcock, Ph.D. (2012, Purdue University). Dr. Woodcock is a social psychologist whose research interests lie in the broad areas of diversity, prejudice and stereotyping. She is currently investigating: the impact of implicit racial and gender bias on behavior and strategies to reduce bias, the processes by which stereotype threat operates, and the psychological processes underlying the underrepresentation of women and minorities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) careers. She has taught Introductory Statistics in Psychology (PSYC 220), Social Psychology (PSYC 332), and Psychology of Prejudice (PSYC 333) at CSUSM.

Student Responsibility Code

You are responsible for knowing University and Psychology Department policies and deadlines. You should obtain and read pertinent sections of the General Catalog, Class Schedule, the CHAD Student Handbook, and class syllabi.

You are responsible for attending all classes and laboratory meetings, and for being on time. If you must miss a class, you are responsible for contacting your instructor to determine how to make up any work you may have missed or to determine how to obtain any important information you missed. You may not be able to make up missed work.

You are responsible for adjusting your outside responsibilities (work, family, social, etc.) in order to allow sufficient time for your education. As a general rule, you should allow two to three hours outside of class for study purposes for each hour spent in class. This means a commitment of 6 to 9 hours per week for each 3-unit course you take. Lab classes will require an even greater time commitment.

Plagiarism. Your exams, homework, research reports, and term papers must reflect your own work, unless you are explicitly directed otherwise by your instructor. Proper methods of referencing outside sources of information should be used at all times. If you are unfamiliar with the concept of plagiarism or have questions on a specific assignment, you are responsible for asking your instructor for assistance. If your professor believes that you have plagiarized or cheated in your coursework, s/he is required to report you to the Dean of Student Affairs. Violation of academic honesty can result in several penalties (including expulsion from the University). See the General Catalog and Student Handbook sections on Academic Honesty.

Prerequisites. Prerequisites for all classes (e.g., research methods, labs) are strictly enforced, and must be completed with grades of C or better. If you took the prerequisites anywhere other than CSU San Marcos, please bring copies of your transcripts to the first class for verification.
Student Organizations

Psychology Student Organization
The Psychology Student Organization (PSO) holds regular meetings and sponsors speakers and other presentations of interest to students. Elections for PSO officers are held annually.

Among recent PSO activities were organizing guest speakers for career opportunities in psychology and sponsoring the CSU San Marcos Psychology Student Research Fair.

CHAD students can become affiliates of the national psychological associations. Application materials for American Psychological Society (APS) and the American Psychological Association (APA) student memberships are available from their websites:

Psi Chi
Psi Chi (pronounced "sigh kigh") is the international honor society in psychology. In December 1993, CSU San Marcos was granted a charter for a Psi Chi chapter on campus. Members of Psi Chi meet regularly and sponsor psychology-related events on campus. Members of Psi Chi have also presented their research at regional, national, and international conferences.

Requirements for membership in Psi Chi are specific and fairly rigorous. Interested students should contact a Psi Chi member, faculty member, or visit the department’s web site for more information (http://www.csusm.edu/psychology/).

Annual CSU San Marcos
Undergraduate Psychology Student Research Fair

The Twenty-third Annual CSU San Marcos Psychology Student Research Fair will be held in the spring of 2016. The primary goal of the Fair is to provide students with experience presenting their work to colleagues. This is your chance to share your work with your fellow students and with faculty. Please check the department website (www.csusm.edu/psychology) in October and February for specific details and updates.

The Fair is conducted much like a professional conference. There are paper and poster sessions in which students present projects that they have conducted as part of research methods courses, independent study courses, etc. There may also be other sessions of interest (e.g., “Careers in Psychology”). The "call for papers" may be obtained from the website, available in late fall. The "call for papers" includes an application form and instructions for submitting a paper for presentation at the Fair. Applications are due in February 2016.

Three Reasons Why You Should Get Involved with the CSU San Marcos Research Fair:

1. Did you know that graduate schools (even those specializing in clinical training) rate previous research experience as one of the most important factors that they consider when making admissions decisions?
Having presented a paper at a student conference is concrete evidence of your research experience! It demonstrates that you have experience in all phases of the research process, from developing an idea to presentation of the final report.

2. **Have you ever wondered what to list in the "additional related experiences" section of grad school applications (or job applications)?**

   Listing a presentation at a student research conference will help to make your grad school application (or your job application) stand out from all the others!

3. **Most important, participating in the CSU San Marcos Psychology Student Research Fair is FUN!**

   Don't miss this opportunity! Submit a research report and/or research proposal for the 2016 Fair! For more information see the website: [www.csusm.edu/psychology](http://www.csusm.edu/psychology)

**Commonly Asked Questions**

**How are instructors in the psychology department chosen?**

Full-time, tenure track faculty (listed above) make up the core faculty of the department. They are chosen in a nationwide search process, in which they must meet rigorous standards in both teaching and research. They are judged on their scholarship and teaching records and evaluation letters from colleagues acquainted with their work.

Teaching is evaluated by having candidates give a lecture on their research. Students are encouraged to contribute to the selection process; watch for announcements about faculty candidate interviews.

Part-time instructors are recruited locally to teach selected courses in their scholarly specialties on a temporary basis. Student opinions of teaching are considered carefully in evaluating part-time instructors for future assignments. Part-time instructors’ assignments depend on availability of courses in their areas of expertise and on budgetary considerations.

**What courses will be offered in the future?**

The Psychology Department offers a schedule of upper-division classes sufficient to enable students to complete the major in a two-year period of time. Class schedules are developed on a semester-by-semester basis. *Please note that it is not currently possible to satisfy all requirements for the major if you can only attend classes at night.*

**What other upper-division coursework should I take?**

The CHAD major requires 48 units, and general education requires 51 units at CSU San Marcos. In order to graduate, you need to take 120 units in all. What should you take once you have all the psychology, general education, and graduation requirements completed?

Technically, you can take anything you wish. You can take additional psychology classes (remember that graduate schools look for breadth within psychology), or classes in related fields to round out your major. You could take a minor. Consult the General Catalog for a list of minors and specifics. Departments that offer courses that complement the Psychology major are offered in Biology, Communication, Sociology, Computer Science, Liberal Studies, Human
Development, Linguistics, and Mathematics. A faculty advisor can help you choose non-psychology courses that will round out your academic program.

**Is Psychology a good major to take if I want to teach elementary or high school?**
CHAD is not a "teaching subject" in grades K-12 and subject area competency is required for teaching at the high school or junior high school level. However, a major in CHAD can be helpful for teaching in the lower grades. A Credentials Analyst in the College of Education is available as a resource to advise individual students or groups on issues of teaching credential requirements.

**Can I take upper division classes at other universities that will count toward my major at CSU San Marcos?**
Remembering that at least 18 units in the major must be taken at CSU San Marcos, you may seek permission to take a course in your major at another school. Bring a copy of the catalog description and syllabus of the course you would like to take elsewhere to the faculty advising coordinator at CSU San Marcos, Dr. Sharon Hamill (SBSB 32106). She will decide if the course is a suitable substitute for one of our own psychology courses. You should do this before you take the course. If you have already taken courses at another institution, see the faculty advising coordinators as soon as possible to determine whether those courses will transfer.

**What do I need to do to complete the background check and immunizations requirement for CHAD? When do I need to do it?**
CHAD 496 Observation and Assessment Lab is a required course that will be offered on campus at the Center for Children and Families (CCF). Students must meet the requirements as established by the CCF in order to enroll. Students who fail to meet the following requirements will not be allowed to take the required course and therefore, not be allowed to complete the CHAD major:

- **Background check** (requires a social security number) – Students must obtain a clear background check (see [http://www.csusm.edu/chad/background.html](http://www.csusm.edu/chad/background.html))
- **Tuberculosis screening** – students must provide proof to the CCF that they do not have active TB (see [http://www.csusm.edu/chad/tbtests.html](http://www.csusm.edu/chad/tbtests.html))

**Background Checks and TB screening must be complete no earlier than one year and no later than 3 weeks prior to the semester in which the student takes CHAD 496.**

- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) screening** – students must demonstrate proof of full immunization to measles, mumps and rubella (i.e., they must submit immunization record directly to the CCF; see [http://www.csusm.edu/chad/mmr.html](http://www.csusm.edu/chad/mmr.html)) no later than 3 weeks prior to the semester in which the student takes CHAD 496.

Other courses in which CHAD majors work in the field with minors (e.g., internship) may have additional/different requirements. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that he/she has met all screening requirements for these courses.

**I have been background checked through Livescan before. How long is it good for?**
It is good as long as you are associated with a specific facility (e.g., an employee or a volunteer at a childcare center). Once you stop working at that facility and are no longer associated with
that facility, your fingerprints will become inactive after a year and you will have to have your fingerprints checked again.

**I have worked at a preschool or daycare and have completed a Livescan within the past year. Can I transfer my Livescan results from one child care center to another?**

Yes! If you have already associated your fingerprints to a licensed child care center, the CCF can transfer your fingerprints to the CCF’s program, or have them associated concurrently.

Students will need to work directly with the CCF Administrator if they want to transfer their Livescan results from one center to another. Faculty do not have any role in this process.

**I have a Child Care Permit. Do I need to go through the background check through Livescan?**

Yes, you will need to go through the Livescan process again. The CCF permit process involves a separate fingerprint process than the Child Care Permit. As a licensed facility, the CCF’s fingerprints are processed through the Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing. In contrast, Child Care Permits are processed by the California Department of Education, so they are not the same. You will have to submit your fingerprints to Livescan for a background check.

**What career paths can I pursue with a CHAD degree?**

The Child and Adolescent Development major provides an excellent preparation for careers in developmentally related public organizations, teaching institutions, service agencies, and mental and physical health facilities. Our undergraduate program provides appropriate background for graduate training in developmental psychology, including experimental, applied, and clinical programs. Coursework in CHAD is also relevant to graduate training in counseling, teaching, medicine, law, child advocacy, and public policy relating to children and adolescents.

At CSUSM you can meet with specialized faculty advisors that can guide you through the right path and help you pursue your career goals. We also recommend students meet with a Career Advisor in the Career Center to discuss employment opportunities, career options, resume writing, personal statements, etc. ([http://www.csusm.edu/careers/](http://www.csusm.edu/careers/))

**Can I use my CHAD degree to pursue a career in teaching?**

Yes. Students who wish to get an Early Education Credential may major in any discipline as an undergraduate. Other credentials have different requirements. Please consult with advisors in the School of Education for more information ([http://www.csusm.edu/education/index.html](http://www.csusm.edu/education/index.html)).

**Can I get my Early Childhood Education Certificate (ECE) at CSUSM?**

Although our preparation course for the major (lower division) satisfies some requirements of ECE certificates, CSUSM does not offer all of the courses required of these certificates. Community Colleges (e.g., Palomar and Mira Costa) offer the courses required for the certificates. Students should contact the local community colleges for more information. The exception is a Child Development Assistant Permit, which needs only 6 units of ECE courses—this requirement would be satisfied with PSYC 210 and PSYC 215 (two of the required lower-division courses). Students who wish to obtain this permit should contact the State Commission on Teaching Credentialing ([www.ctc.ca.gov](http://www.ctc.ca.gov)).
Can I double major in CHAD and PSYC?
Multiple Majors: “It is possible for a student to complete more than one major within one degree. Each major after the first major must consist of at least 24 semester units that are not counted toward any other major’s requirements. By declaring which major is the first major, second major, etc., the student also declares the order in which the degrees, and the majors leading to these degrees, appear on the diploma and transcript. Students must make this declaration no later than the beginning of the student’s final year of study” (CSUSM Catalog, 2014).

Does the Psychology Department offer a Master's Degree in CHAD?
No, but the Psychology Department does offer a Master of Arts degree in General Experimental Psychology. This program might be appropriate for students graduating with a CHAD BA who wish to continue their studies. The Master’s program at CSU San Marcos is intended to prepare students for one of three career objectives: for continued study at the doctoral level, for a variety of positions in business, industry, and the public sector, or for academic careers at the two-year college level. Training leading to MFCC or MFT licensure is not available in our Master’s program at this time. Interested students should contact the Psychology Department administrative coordinator (SBSB 322) for written information about our Master's program, or visit our department website at www.csusm.edu/psychology.

How should I balance working and going to school?
How many units should you take if you are working and going to school? Depending on your other commitments, suggested course loads are given in this table:

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Keep in mind that Upper Division coursework is more challenging and time-consuming than Lower Division classes. Remember that an increased course load means you need more time to read, write, and reflect, use the library and the computer facilities, meet with faculty, and involve yourself in your studies in a way that maximizes your experience. As a general rule, you should allow two to three hours outside of class for study purposes for each hour spent in class.
What should I do if I have a problem in one of my psychology or CHAD classes?
In spite of our efforts to provide an excellent educational experience, students do encounter problems of various sorts. The vast majority of problems can be resolved by discussing the issue with the person directly involved. Most of the time misunderstandings can be cleared up by good communication; it is often the case that the faculty member is unaware that there is a problem. The first step is for you to express your concern to your instructor.

The second step should be taken if the first step does not resolve the problem. Make an appointment to see the Department Chair in Psychology, Dr. Miriam Schustack (SBSB 3216), or the CHAD Program Director, Dr. Sharon Hamill (SBSB 3103). She will listen to your problem and, if appropriate, she will discuss it with the other party or parties involved. The Department Chair or Program Director can usually serve as a neutral third party to facilitate resolution of the issue. If she is unable to resolve the problem, she will refer the issue to the appropriate administrator either in the College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral & Social Sciences or in Student Affairs.

How can I maximize my experience in the CHAD program at CSU San Marcos?
1. Give yourself ample time to be a student (see section on working and going to school, above).
2. Get involved in research, field experience, or volunteer work in the community.
3. Get involved in the life of the campus. Attend events. Become active in the Psychology Student Organization (PSO) or Psi Chi.

Not only will these suggestions enhance your experience while you attend CSU San Marcos, but they will increase your employability and/or your chances for graduate school acceptance. Employers and graduate school admissions personnel look for both excellent achievement and special experience that adds particular interest to a job/grad school candidate.