

# Child Advocacy Studies Minor

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The CAST (Child Advocacy Studies) minor was created as a collaborative approach to training and educating front-line professionals and the next generation of child welfare practitioners. The core UIS CAST courses are certified by the ZERO Abuse Project. UIS Cast students are eligible for a certificate as proof of their knowledge, skills and abilities in child maltreatment prevention and intervention. Upon completing the 15-hour minor, students can receive credit for the minor at UIS and the certificate awarded externally. Students may complete the CAST minor on-campus or entirely online.

## Requirements

### Required Courses

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| PAD 481                                  | Perspectives on Child Maltreatment and Advocacy                        | 3         |
| PAD 482<br>or PAD 484                    | Global Child Advocacy Studies<br>Childhood Trauma: Risk and Resiliency | 3         |
| PAD 483                                  | The System's Response to Child Maltreatment                            | 3         |
| PAD 486                                  | Child Advocacy Studies Capstone  | 3         |
| <b>One of the following <sup>1</sup></b> |  | <b>3</b>  |
| IPL 300                                  | ECCE: Internship Applied Learning                                      |           |
| IPL 301                                  | ECCE: Project Applied Learning   |           |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                       |  | <b>15</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Student can take either IPL 300 or IPL 301 or any PAD 300/400 elective