What is Child Psychology?
Child Psychology deals with behavioral development from the prenatal period to maturity in the areas of cognition, ethology, genetics, language, learning, perception, and social behavior. The Institute of Child Development, housed in the College of Education and Human Development, offers a bachelor of arts, a bachelor of science, and a minor in Child Psychology through the College of Liberal Arts. All undergraduate Child Psychology courses are considered CLA courses and they count toward the CLA graduation requirements.

What are the major requirements?
Go to www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html and select “undergraduate majors.”

How do I declare a Child Psychology major?
You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.
1. Talk with someone from the Child Psychology peer advising office at 106 Institute of Child Development, (612) 624-0526 to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon a Child Psychology major, meet with a peer adviser from the department to complete a Major Program form. Bring a copy of your transcript (unofficial copies are okay). Be sure to retain the student copy of the Major Program form for your records.
3. Bring a copy of the Major Program form to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your student community to learn about your new major’s declaration process.

What can I do with a major in Child Psychology?

Skills
Child Psychology majors develop great skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers. These skills include:
• Ability to formulate clear and persuasive messages
• Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
• Independent, self-motivated work ethic
• Ability to work well with diverse groups

Employment
Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:
• Social Services—social work, psychology, therapy, health care
• Child Development—early childhood education, youth counseling
• Education—teaching, research, admissions, advising, student affairs
• Nonprofit—fundraising, programming, management
• Business—marketing, human resources, sales, consulting, recruiting
• Government—public information, campaigns, research

For more information:
About the Child Psychology major:
Undergraduate Advising
104 Institute of Child Development
(612) 624-0526
http://education.umn.edu/icd/undergrad/default.html

About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:
CLA Psychological Sciences Student Community
30 Johnston Hall
(612) 626-7707
http://psysci.class.umn.edu

or
CLA Martin Luther King, Jr. Program
19 Johnston Hall
(612) 625-2300
http://www.class.umn.edu/mlk/mlk@class.cla.umn.edu

About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:
Career and Community Learning Center
135 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7577
www.cclc.umn.edu
cclc@class.cla.umn.edu

About graduation with honors:
CLA Honors Division
20 Nicholson
(612) 624-5522
www.cla.umn.edu/honors/honors@class.cla.umn.edu
Today’s workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The Career & Community Learning Center provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

**Remember!**
You have not declared a major until you have:
• completed a Major Program form with your major adviser,
• filed a copy with the major department,
• and filed a copy with your CLA student community.

Don’t forget: keep a copy for yourself!