USC Rossier’s minors in education complement and enhance undergraduate majors in a wide range of disciplines, from business, sociology and policy to premed, psychology and cultural studies. With only 16 units, an education minor will deepen your understanding of key issues while providing a competitive advantage when you graduate from USC.

Expand your career opportunities with an education minor

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EDUCATION AND SOCIETY

Explore education’s importance to promoting equitable opportunities and developing engaged citizens for more just societies, as well as the factors that impact teaching, learning and achievement. You will gain multiple perspectives on the purpose and role of education — locally, nationally and internationally, including technology’s role in educational outcomes. This minor is especially valuable for students pursuing careers in sociology, psychology, policymaking, research, teaching and educational entrepreneurship.

16 total units (4 required courses)

- **EDUC 421**: Global Issues: Impact on Educational Outcomes (4 units)
- **EDUC 422**: Social Change, Difference and Access to Schooling and Quality Education in International Contexts (4 units)
- **EDUC 423**: Unrealized Promise and Hope for Education in the 21st Century (4 units)
- **EDUC 426**: Educational Inquiry (4 units)

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL)

Gain important skills in helping teach English language learners. You will investigate individual learning styles, explore the impact of culture and diversity, and delve into theories of language learning, teaching methodology and critical inquiry. Courses promote cross-cultural knowledge and understanding through practical and research-based learning. While you will still need a credential to teach at many educational institutions abroad, this minor will help you pursue a variety of careers related to English language development in the U.S. and internationally.

16 total units (3 required courses and 1 elective)

- **EDUC 411**: Foundation of TESOL (4 units)
- **EDUC 412**: Instructional Methods in TESOL (4 units)
- **EDUC 426**: Educational Inquiry (4 units)

ELECTIVES

- **EDUC 421**: Global Issues: Impact on Educational Outcomes (4 units)
- **EDUC 422**: Social Change, Difference and Access to Schooling and Quality Education in International Contexts (4 units)
- **EDUC 423**: Unrealized Promise and Hope for Education (4 units)

DYNAMICS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

Probe the effects that society, media, toys and other products have on children’s developmental growth and explore how to design with their educational needs in mind. Through self-selected investigations, you will gain in-depth knowledge of how culture, politics, psychology, economics and sociology influence young lives. Whatever path you choose in educating or otherwise aiding young children, this minor helps provide the crucial grounding for success.

16 total units (4 required courses)

- **EDUC 427**: Vectors that Influence Early Childhood Development (4 units)
- **EDUC 428**: The Effects of Curriculum and Institution on Early Childhood (4 units)
- **EDUC 429**: Childhood and Contemporary Society (4 units)
- **EDUC 430**: Research Focus (4 units)

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