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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.
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)

COURSES
- EDUC 421: Global Issues: Impact on Educational Outcomes (4 units)
- EDUC 422: Education for Social Change (4 units)
- EDUC 423: Unrealized Promise and Hope for Education in the 21st Century (4 units)
- EDUC 426: Educational Inquiry (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)

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: Early Childhood and Contemporary Society (4 units)
- EDUC 430: Early Childhood: Action Research Focus (4 units)