

**Department of Comparative Human Development
Major Change Info Session (5/19/2017)**

Part A: What are the changes?

In the NEW major scheme, the requirement to have three distribution courses, three specialization courses, and three elective courses will be collapsed into a requirement to take nine CHDV electives. These courses will all need to have “CHDV” in their listing and petitions for courses outside CHDV will not be allowed. The new major changes are reflected in the 2017-2018 College Catalog:

Core Courses

[CHDV 20000](#) Introduction to Human Development and [CHDV 20100](#) Human Development Research Designs in Social Sciences, a two-quarter introductory sequence in Comparative Human Development, should be completed prior to the Spring Quarter of a student’s third year. [CHDV 20000](#) Introduction to Human Development focuses on theories of development, with particular reference to the development of the self in a social and cultural context. [CHDV 20100](#) Human Development Research Designs in Social Sciences focuses on modes of research and inquiry in human development, including basic concepts of research design and different methods used in studying human development (e.g., ethnography, experiments, surveys, discourse analysis, narrative inquiry, and animal models). Consideration is given to the advantages and limitations of each approach in answering particular questions concerning person and culture.

Methods

Students must complete one Methods course. It may focus on qualitative or quantitative methods or may be a research methods course from a related department, such as Statistics.

The following are courses since 2012 that have fulfilled the Methods requirement without a petition. (Please note courses in this list may not be offered this academic year.) Courses that are not on the following list may be petitioned to count for Methods (see [Petitions](#)):

- [STAT 20000](#) Elementary Statistics
- [STAT 22000](#) Statistical Methods and Applications
- [CHDV 20101](#) Applied Statistics in Human Development Research
- [CHDV 26228](#) Ethnographic Methods
- [CHDV 29301](#) Qualitative Research Methods
- [CHDV 30102](#) Introduction to Causal Inference
- [CHDV 32411](#) Mediation, Moderation, and Spillover Effects
- [CHDV 37802](#) Challenging Legends and Other Received Truths: A Socratic Practicum

Electives

All CHDV majors are required to take nine CHDV elective courses. We encourage students to take their elective courses across the four areas of Comparative Human Development, given the department's commitment to transdisciplinary scholarship. All CHDV course numbers are labeled to describe the areas in which they are most closely aligned. The four areas are the following:

1. *Comparative Behavioral Biology*: includes courses on the biopsychology of attachment; evolutionary social psychology; evolution of parenting; biological psychology; primate behavior and ecology; behavioral endocrinology.

2. *Life Course Development*: includes courses on social and psychological development through the life course, including courses on childhood, adolescence, adulthood, and aging; education and development; introduction to language development; the role of early experience in development; sexual and gender identity; the study of lives and families in social and cultural context.
3. *Culture and Community*: includes courses on cultural psychology; psychological anthropology; social psychology; cross-cultural child development; language, culture, and thought; language socialization; education in ethnic and cultural context; psychiatric and psychodynamic anthropology; memory and culture.
4. *Mental Health and Personality*: includes courses on personality theory and research; social and cultural foundations of mental and physical health; modern psychotherapies and their supporting institutions; psychology of well-being; conflict understanding and resolution; core concepts and current directions in psychopathology; emotion, mind, and rationality; body image in health and disorder; advanced concepts in psychoanalysis.

Petitions

Student petitions will be accepted only in very limited circumstances to request that courses not taught or cross-listed in CHDV count toward CHDV major requirements. These limited circumstances may include a relevant course offered during study abroad if a CHDV course is not available. Students may petition for one relevant course per quarter of study abroad to count toward the CHD major, but only one, barring unusual circumstances. Only university-level courses credited by the University of Chicago or study abroad may be petitioned for CHDV requirements; no other form of credit (including Advanced Placement) is allowed. Petitions should be completed using the CHDV petition form found at humdev.uchicago.edu/page/undergraduate-studies. Petitions should include a copy of the course syllabus, since the course title alone is often not sufficient for evaluating a petition.

Part B: What does this mean for me?

If you have already declared your major in CHDV then you will be given the choice to stay in the OLD major scheme or switch to the NEW major scheme. PLEASE note that any newly declared majors and any first years matriculating in Fall 2017 and thereafter will need to utilize the NEW major scheme. What follows is a short comparison of both major schemes:

NEW Major Scheme	OLD Major Scheme
1) CHDV 20000 – Intro to HD 2) CHDV 20100/21000 – Methods in HD 3) Methods Course (See “Approved” List)	1) CHDV 20000 – Intro to HD 2) CHDV 20100/21000 – Methods in HD 3) Methods Course
[9 CHDV Courses]	[3 Distribution Courses – 1 in each of 3 areas]
4) CHDV Course 5) CHDV Course 6) CHDV Course 7) CHDV Course 8) CHDV Course 9) CHDV Course	4) Distribution A 5) Distribution B 6) Distribution C
	[3 Specialization Courses – 3 in 1 above area]
	7) Specialization A – Class 1 8) Specialization A – Class 2 9) Specialization A – Class 3

10) CHDV Course 11) CHDV Course 12) CHDV Course	[3 Electives – CHDV or Related Disciplines] 10) Elective 1 11) Elective 2 12) Elective 3
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Part C: A Note on Petitions

If you have any petitions already approved for your major, we suggest you stay in the OLD scheme as these will not transfer to the NEW scheme. The petitions allowed in each scheme are as follows:

NEW Major Scheme	OLD Major Scheme
-Petitions are only allowed in two instances: A) Methods courses not listed in the approved list (see attached list) may be petitioned B) One relevant course per quarter of study abroad may be petitioned	-May petition up to four courses using the department petition form -May petition one methods course

Part D: Pre-Approved Methods Courses (No Petition Needed)

- ANTH 21420** Practice Of Anthropology: Ethnographic Methods (petitioned many times)
- BIOS 20151** Introduction to Quantitative Modeling for Biology
- BIOS 20172** Biomathematical modeling I (petitioned many times)
- BIOS 20174** Mathematical Modeling II
- BIOS 25419** Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Networks and Modeling
- MATH 19520** Math Methods for Social Sciences
- PBPL 24800** Urban Policy Analysis
- PBPL 26301** Field Research Project: Public Policy
- PLSC 22913** Practice of Social Science Research
- PSYC 20100** Psychological Statistics
- PSYC 20200** Psychological Research Methods
- SOCI 20001** Sociological Methods
- SOCI 20004** Statistical Methods of Research
- SOCI 20140** Qualitative Field Methods (petitioned many times)
- STAT 20000** Elementary Statistics
- STAT 22000** Statistical Method and Applications
- STAT 22400** Applied Regression Analysis
- STAT 23400** Statistical Models and Methods
- STAT 35000** Principles of Epidemiology

Part D: Major Worksheets

Below you will find a major worksheet for the (1) NEW scheme and one for the (2) OLD scheme. These are designed to help you keep track of your major requirements and will also be filled out and submitted to the preceptor during fall of your fourth year to make sure you are on track for graduation requirements.

CHDV MAJOR WORKSHEET ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) NEW Major Scheme**
- (2) OLD Major Scheme**

1) Worksheet for New Major Scheme

Requirement	Notes on how to fulfill requirement	Course #	Course Name	Quarter Taken	Year Taken
EXAMPLE		CHDV 20000	Intro to HD	Autumn	2017
Core courses	CHDV 20000 - Intro to HD (Autumn, yearly) CHDV 20100/21000 - Methods in HD (Winter, yearly)	1) 2)			
Methods course	<i>See attached list of approved methods courses.</i>	3)			
Electives (9 additional CHDV courses)	<i>Courses must be listed as CHDV. For students seeking Honors, CHDV 29800 may count toward one of these electives.</i>	4) 5) 6) 7) 8) 9) 10) 11) 12)			

For students seeking Honors:

Please consult the CHD Undergraduate Student Manual for additional requirements for the BA honors paper.

BA Honors Seminar	CHDV 29800 – Winter or Spring of student’s third year <i>This may count toward one of three elective requirements</i>	Taken? Y: N: If no, explain:
BA Honors Paper Preparation	CHDV 29900 – Autumn or Winter of student’s fourth year (grade for honors paper is the grade for this course, given in spring quarter of student’s fourth year)	Have you completed the College Reading and Research form? Y: N:
Name of BA Thesis Faculty Advisor	Professor	Have you confirmed your BA plans with your advisor yet this year? Y: N:

Additional notes, thoughts, or concerns:

Please write anything else you think the preceptors need to know about in the space below.

2) Worksheet for Old Major Scheme

Requirement	Notes on how to fulfill requirement	Course #	Course Name	Quarter Taken	Year Taken
EXAMPLE		CHDV 20000	Intro to HD	Autumn	2017
Core courses	CHDV 20000 - Intro to HD (Autumn, yearly) CHDV 20100/21000 - Methods in HD (Winter, yearly)	1) 2)			
Methods course	<i>See attached list of approved methods courses.</i>	3)			
Distribution courses (1 in each of 3 areas, you choose which 3)	<i>If you would like to use a 30000 or higher level course to fulfill a distribution requirement, please consult the preceptor.</i>	4) 5) 6)			
Specialization courses (3 or more courses in 1 of 3 areas in which you have taken your distribution requirement)	<i>See annual course list for distribution and specialization area available on CHD website.</i>	7) 8) 9)			
Electives (3 additional courses from CHDV or related disciplines)	<i>For students seeking Honors, CHDV 29800 may count toward one of these three electives.</i>	10) 11) 12)			

It is possible to fulfill the Electives requirement and 2 of the Specialization requirements with relevant coursework taken in related disciplines. **Formal petition and approval from Chair required.** Please note the date of approved petitions in the form below.

Petitions (for the old major scheme ONLY):

Please see the CHD Undergraduate Student Manual for further information about when and how to petition. If you are planning to petition a course from outside the department, please complete and submit your petition BEFORE you take the course. All non-CHDV courses listed above should be accounted for here:

Course name & number	Approval date	Notes

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