

# CHILD *and* FAMILY STUDIES

*“Students have the opportunity to critically think about the issues concerning children, families, and nutrition. We are able to broaden our horizon of thinking and apply our skills in various positions and through different career paths.”*

*- Jasmine*



## ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Graduates receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Child and Family Studies with a concentration in Family Studies, Child Development, or Nutrition and Food studies. Child and Family Studies draws educational concepts from many fields so a student might combine their major with a minor in Economics and Business, Education studies, or Psychology.

## OPPORTUNITIES & INTERNSHIPS

- Berea College's Child Development Lab (CDL) is a learning laboratory for students and staff in the Child and Family Studies program as they interact with children between infancy and pre-school. It serves the Appalachian region by demonstrating exemplary child-care and education services as well as other local child care centers. As part of the Berea College Ecovillage, the CDL aims to teach sustainable practices and environmentally friendly choices that impact current and future generations.
- The Harrison Mclain Home Management House (HMH) operates both as an upper level female residence hall for selected departmental majors and a practicum base for students studying family resource management.

- CFS students have found internships and practicum experience in various fields off campus. Some examples include law office work, social work organizations, summer school programs, summer camps, community food banks, and dietary assistance programs among others.

## CAREERS & OUTCOMES

Enriched by on-campus laboratory learning and practicum work, Child and Family Studies graduates find employment or continue their studies in a variety of career fields including:

- Teacher at a Daycare or Preschool (Head Start, Montessori)
- Nursing Home
- Rehabilitation Center
- Adoption Agencies/Orphanage
- Nutritionist
- Case Worker
- Graduate School: Social Work, Counseling (Family, Marriage, Child), Dietitian
- Law School



## WHY IS A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION VALUABLE?

A liberal arts education at Berea College, combined with our work study program, equips students with highly employable skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Beyond offering a degree program, we help our students develop social responsibility and prepare them to successfully navigate diversity, change, and the complex demands of a modern work place.



80

percentage of employers who want colleges to emphasize critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and oral and written communication.

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Berea College's ranking as "Best Liberal Arts College" by Washington Monthly Magazine, 2018.

75

percentage of employers who believe successful college graduates should have both liberal arts training and experience in the field.

90

percentage of Berea students who credit liberal arts and work study for developing their communication, critical thinking, & problem-solving skills.



*"People with a liberal arts education are able to think and view the world from several different perspectives . . . This ability to understand and adapt is very valuable in today's workplace."*

**Edward B. Rust Jr.**  
**Chairman and CEO, State Farm Insurance Companies**