The Bachelor of Arts Degree in ECS is for you!

The ECS program helps students develop the knowledge and skills necessary to work with young children and their families from birth through eight years of age.

Career Pathways:
- Infant, Toddler, and Preschool Teacher
- Elementary Teacher (requires completion of a post-baccalaureate Single or Multiple Subject credential program)
- Graduate School (possible programs Child Life Specialist, Counseling, Curriculum & Instruction, etc.)
- Family Childcare Provider
- Administrator of an Early Education Program
- Before and After School Teacher
- Special Education Paraprofessional
- Home Visitor
- Child Family Advocate
- Family Service Worker
- Community Worker

Program Focus
- Early Childhood Teacher Preparation
- Dual Language Learners
- Children with Special Abilities
- Family Partnerships
- Student Teaching
- Learning Stories
- Infants and Toddlers
- Preschool - Primary
- STEAM
- Early Literacy
- Service Learning
- Anti-racist/Social Justice
- Interdisciplinary Work
- Study Abroad

Fieldwork + Service Learning
- Field Work: Students have opportunities to work with young children in early childhood programs.
- Service Learning: Students will participate in service learning, a teaching and learning approach, that integrates community service with academic study to enrich learning, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.

Strong Partnerships with Local Early Childhood Community
- Early Head Start and Head Start
- Early Childhood Education Centers
- Family Childcare Programs
- State Preschool
- Ventura County Office of Education
- Profit and Non-Profit Early Childhood Centers
- Local Public School Districts
- Community and Professional Organizations

I immediately fell in love with the small campus community and the tight knit ECS department. CI truly has changed my perspectives of the world and I’m so excited for what’s ahead.

— Zoe Remund, Class of 2021