

COUNSELING & DEVELOPMENT

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The Rock Difference

The Department of Counseling and Development trains practitioners to deliver quality services to clients and students and to be reflective, ethical and competent in serving their diverse community. Department programs include Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Student Affairs in Higher Education, College Counseling and School Counseling. Our students are prepared according to professionally accepted standards and, where appropriate, for licensure / certification in their field of study.

The Student Counseling Center is also part of the Department of Counseling and Development. For information regarding the Student Counseling Center see the Student Counseling Center link.

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Courses

CDEV 139 - University Seminar

University Seminar serves as the entry point to the Slippery Rock University general education program. With its strong faculty-student interaction, the course promotes intellectual inquiry, critical and creative thinking, and academic excellence. Through varied content, the course introduces students to academic discourse and information literacy while exploring topics such as diversity and inclusion and global awareness. This course will set students along the path to becoming engaged with issues and scholarship important to a 21st century education while they learn about themselves and their place in the world.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Freshman 1 or Freshman 2.

Enrollment limited to students with the ROCK STUDIES STUDENT attribute.

CDEV 190 - Experimental

A unique and specifically focused course within the general purview of a department which intends to offer it on a "one time only" basis and not as a permanent part of the department's curriculum.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

CDEV 195 - Workshop

A workshop is a program which is usually of short duration, narrow in scope, often non-traditional in content and format, and on a timely topic.

Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

CDEV 198 - Selected Topics

A Selected Topics course is a normal, departmental offering which is directly related to the discipline, but because of its specialized nature, may not be able to be offered on a yearly basis by the department.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

CDEV 201 - Interpersonal and Group Dynamics

Interpersonal behavior in small groups, with attention to group structure, individual factors, communication, and techniques. Treatment of leadership, group pressures, the effect of the group on personality, and group aims.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

CDEV 248 - Human Development and Education

A study of the various stages of physical, intellectual, and emotional development, from pre-school age through adolescence, with reference to the effects upon the learning and educational process.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Spring Terms

Thematic Thread(s): 21st Century Healthcare, Education, Fighting Social Problems, Healthy Body, Mind & Environment, Transfer Thread Completion Course, Well-Being of Children and Youth, Who Do We Think We Are

CDEV 249 - Child Development

A study of the various stages of development from conception to adolescence. Attention is directed to the physical, emotional, intellectual and social development of the child.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

CDEV 250 - Adolescent Psychology

A study of the physical, mental and emotional development during the changes from childhood and the influence on attitudes and behavior of the age group in relation to the theories. Psychological principles are applied to the problems of family, community and school adjustment, as well as to the development of the persons.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

CDEV 290 - Experimental

A unique and specifically focused course within the general purview of a department which intends to offer it on a "one time only" basis and not as a permanent part of the department's curriculum.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

CDEV 295 - Workshop

A workshop is a program which is usually of short duration, narrow in scope, often non-traditional in content and format, and on a timely topic.

Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

CDEV 298 - Selected Topics

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

CDEV 390 - Experimental

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

CDEV 395 - Undergraduate Workshops

Special topics of interest to undergraduates and selected community members. A workshop is a program which is usually of short duration, narrow in scope, often non-traditional in content and format, and on a timely topic.

Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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CDEV 398 - Selected Topics

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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CDEV 490 - Independent Study

A program of independent work conducted by a student who has demonstrated academic proficiency. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor, advisor, departmental chairperson, and dean of the college where the study will be conducted. Independent Study courses give students the opportunity to pursue research and/or studies that are not part of the university's traditional course offerings. Students work one on one or in small groups with faculty guidance and are typically required to submit a final paper or project as determined by the supervising professor.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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CDEV 495 - Workshop

A workshop is a program which is usually of short duration, narrow in scope, often non-traditional in content and format, and on a timely topic.

Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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CDEV 498 - Selected Topics

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.