CAST 201. Introduction to Child Advocacy  
3 Credits  
This is the introductory course for child advocacy studies (CAST). It covers different models for understanding child maltreatment, types and indicators of child maltreatment, controversial topics in the field, and issues and laws related to child maltreatment in various countries around the world. Students will develop critical thinking and analytical skills in assessing child maltreatment. Restricted to Dona Ana campus only.

CAST 202. Professional and Systems Responses to Child Maltreatment  
3 Credits  
Course examines the professionals and systems that respond to allegations of child abuse and neglect. Includes the differences between civil and criminal proceedings; components of a court-worthy child abuse and neglect investigation; basic child forensic interviewing; an overview of child sex offenders; and current research and controversial issues affecting the field. Restricted to Dona Ana campus only.  
Prerequisite(s): CAST 201.

CAST 203. Prevention, Trauma Informed Treatment and Advocacy  
3 Credits  
The purpose of this course is to prepare students to recognize the effects of child maltreatment and apply intervention strategies for children and their families. Multidisciplinary approaches to prevention, advocacy and treatment of child maltreatment survivors will be presented and discussed. Topics include violence prevention research, interdisciplinary family programs, how to advocate for survivors of child abuse, case management, working with families, mental health service and controversial issues.  
Prerequisite(s): CAST 201.

CAST 301V. Introduction to Child Advocacy  
3 Credits  
Historical review and evolution of child welfare policies, initiatives and factors that influence child welfare service. Child welfare policies and services specific to the state of New Mexico are infused throughout the course. Taught with MSW 590. Cannot receive credit for CAST 301 and MSW 590.

CAST 302. Professional and Systems Responses to Child Maltreatment  
3 Credits  
Course examines the professionals and systems that respond to allegations of child abuse and neglect. Includes the differences between civil and criminal proceedings; components of a court-worthy child abuse and neglect investigation; basic child forensic interviewing; an overview of child sex offenders; current research and controversial issues effecting the field. Students majoring in social work, criminal justice, education, sociology, psychology, nursing, and other areas will enhance their capacity to strengthen the safety net that protects children.  
Prerequisite(s): CAST 301.

CAST 303. Prevention, Trauma Informed Treatment and Advocacy  
3 Credits  
The purpose of this course is to prepare students to recognize the effects of child maltreatment and to apply intervention strategies for children and their families. Multidisciplinary approaches to prevention, advocacy, and treatment of child maltreatment survivors will be presented and discussed. Topics include violence prevention research, interdisciplinary family programs, how to advocate for survivors of child abuse, short- and long-term effects of child abuse, case management, working with families, mental health services and controversial issues. Crosslisted with: FCS 300  
Prerequisite(s): CAST 301.

CAST 501. Introduction to Child Advocacy  
3 Credits  
The purpose of this course is to prepare students to recognize the effects of child maltreatment and to apply intervention strategies for children and their families. Multidisciplinary approaches to prevention, advocacy, and treatment of child maltreatment survivors will be presented and discussed. Topics include violence prevention research, interdisciplinary family programs, how to advocate for survivors of child abuse, short- and long-term effects of child abuse, case management, working with families, mental health services and controversial issues affecting the field.  
Prerequisite(s): A "B" or better in CAST 501.

CAST 502. Professional and Systems Responses to Child Maltreatment  
3 Credits  
The graduate level course examines the professionals and systems that respond to allegations of child abuse and neglect. Includes the differences between civil and criminal proceedings; components of a court-worthy child abuse and neglect investigation; basic child forensic interviewing; an overview of child sex offenders; and current research and controversial issues affecting the field.

CAST 503. Prevention, Trauma Informed Treatment and Advocacy  
3 Credits  
The purpose of this course is to prepare graduate students to recognize the effects of child maltreatment and apply interventions strategies for children and their families. Multidisciplinary approaches to prevention, advocacy and treatment of child maltreatment survivors will be presented and discussed.