

Course Content:

1. Children and their plight throughout history
2. Types of studies which have been used to gather information on children & families
3. Nature-Nurture studies
4. **CONCEPTION:**
 - a. infertility and methods to promote conception
 - b. birth control - present choices and future options
 - c. methods of sex selection
5. **PRENATAL DEVELOPMENT:**
 - a. teratology - environmental influences on the unborn
 - b. genetic influences - dominant and recessive genes
 - c. genetic disorders - counseling and genetic engineering
 - d. prenatal nutrition
6. **BIRTH PROCESS:**
 - a. new technology
 - b. varied birthing methods
 - c. labor & birth
 - d. complications and resulting effects
7. **NEONATE:**
 - a. norms for physical and behavioral capacities
 - b. methods of testing
8. **DEVELOPMENT - First year to Pre-Adolescent**
developpl (Developmentally Appropriate Practices)
 - a. social-emotional and self-concept
 - b. cognitive, language development
 - c. physical, motor, and perceptual-motor
 - d. learning disabilities and developmental delays
9. **SOCIAL-CULTURAL INFLUENCES ON BEHAVIOR**
 - a. parenting styles and influences on behavior
 - b. multicultural influences on child rearing
 - c. sexual differences and expectations
 - d. parenting issues
10. **CHILD ABUSE:**
 - a. types of abuse
 - b. laws pertaining to abuse
 - c. mandated reporters and procedure
 - d. signs of abuse, causes and treatment
 - e. resources and preventive measures
11. **LEARNING THEORIES**
 - a. Freud and Erickson (psychoanalytic)
 - b. Skinner, Lewin, Thorndike, Watson (behaviorist)
 - c. Piaget, Bandura, Vygotsky (developmental)

12. CHILDRENS' ART

- a. values to child, parent, and teacher
- b. psychological implications
- c. ages and stages of art development
- d. art therapy and other uses
- e. creativity in art and other areas of learning

PROJECTS AND GRADES:

Final grades will be determined by the total accumulated points by semesters end.

Required Assignments:

1. Observation & case study = 25 to 50 points possible (**this is mandatory to pass**)
25 pts. will require six weeks of observations on one child
50 pts. will require twelve weeks of observations on one child
a comparative case study with observations on two children will be extra credit
2. Book Report: Oral = 20 pts. Written = 15 pt.
(oral reports may be done throughout semester & **written will be due Nov. 20th**)
3. Selected readings for each chapter with a written response = 5 pts. for each
4. Four to Five written exams covering text and lecture notes:
Point value of letter grade = A-10, B-8, C-6, D-4, F-0
(**you are allowed one make-up exam during the semester within one week**)
5. Attendance and participation = 10 points

***All late assignments will receive reduced points**

CASE STUDIES WILL BE DUE DEC. 7, 1998

**** Last day to drop without penalty - Friday, Oct. 16, 1998**