CHILD DEVELOPMENT 39 (53850)

Child Development—Thursdays 6:00-8:50

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**Course Description:** This course studies basic theories, research, concepts and principles of physical, emotional, cognitive and social development at each stage of life from conception through adolescence.

**Course Objectives:** In the process of completing this course, students will:

1. Compare and contrast the historical perspectives/theories of child development to modern perspectives/theories.
2. Describe the common research methods used to study children, and explain their strengths and limitations.
3. Describe the developmental changes that take place in children with typical and atypical development.
4. Identify those variables that lead to typical development ant those that contribute to atypical development.
5. Demonstrate effective techniques in observing typical and atypical development in children.
6. Relate developmental and learning theories to language and communication skills in children birth to age twelve.
7. Relate developmental and learning theories to familial relationships, child-care settings, attachment relationships, stranger anxiety, and separation anxiety.
8. Recognize the impact of biological, environmental, social political and nutritional factors on health and well-being of children and their families.
9. Describe the effective use of discipline, shaping, reinforcement and modeling behavior.

**Course Outcomes:** Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Compare historical theories of child development to current theories.
2. Apply current theories of child development to assess a child’s physical, emotional, social, and cognitive development.
3. Differentiate between typical and atypical development in children.
4. Complete a case study on a child.

**Text:**

* **Required—**Child from Birth to Adolescence, Martorell, Gabriela, McGraw Hill

**Assignments/Requirements:**

A few notes….

Papers need to be double spaced, 12 point font, 1” margins, stapled, and WITHOUT any report covers. I am not responsible for figuring out who you are if you don’t have your name on your paper. Remember always include in top right of paper

* + Name First and Last
  + Date
  + Title of Assignment
  + Class Day and Time

1. Case Studies/Observations: You will be required to demonstrate understanding and application of course content through completing TWO (2) Child Case Study Reports. This assignment will require the student to use observational skills to gather information on one child and present findings in a written paper describing the child’s physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development. Additional information will be provided.
2. Articles: You will be required to complete 2 articles relative to “Child Development.”

The articles are not to exceed more than 1 page. Additional information will be provided.

1. Exams: There will be a total of 3 exams. Exams will be made up of multiple-choice questions related to the materials covered in class. It is recommended that students attend class meetings in preparation for the exams. Exams will be given during class time.
2. In-Class Assignments: We will have many opportunities for in class participation during the semester. I will randomly award points for your participation in these assignments. If you are not in class you can’t participate which means you miss the points for that assignment.

**Having Problems?**

If at any time you find you are having trouble succeeding in this course, whether because of a change in your life circumstances or because of something you don’t understand about the materials, please see the instructor.

**Class Policies and Procedures:**

Attendance:

Learning through sharing and experiences are a large part of this class. Regular attendance is EXPECTED. If you stop coming to class after the deadline, you will get an "F." If you choose to be dropped from this course it is YOUR responsibility to notify the records office by the drop deadline. Late arrivals and early departures will have a negative effect on your grade.

It is your responsibility to plan your time wisely and get the assignments done in a timely manner.

It is your responsibility to respect the requirements and rules of this course. You will be held accountable for all announcements made in class whether you are present or not. You need to get the phone number of a fellow student(s) in order to get information in case of your absence.

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1. **Late Work:** All assignments need be turned in on the due date. They will not be accepted after one week.
2. **Missed Tests:** Inform the instructor as soon as you know you will miss a test day and arrangements will be made for you to take the test at another time. If you fail to inform the instructor **before the test date**, it will be too late for you to make up that test. **Do not take this lightly. No excuses will be accepted.**
3. **Retaining Returned Assignments:** Students disagreeing with the assigned final grade will be required to supply evidence to the contrary. Therefore, it is suggested that students retain all returned/graded assignments and tests until after they have signed-out on the final day of class.
4. **Cheating/Plagiarism:** Cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated. A student will receive no credit for the assignment if in the opinion of the instructor the individual has cheated.
5. **Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:** If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (i.e., Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact me as soon as possible.

**Changing Syllabus Statement:** This course syllabus is equivalent to a contract between the instructor and the student. However, the information in this syllabus is subject to change at any time during the term. All changes will be stated in class and students are responsible for noting such changes. In the event that you are absent on the day changes are made, it is your responsibility to find out the changes and adhere to them.

The student’s decision to attend the class denotes acceptance of:

1. This syllabus as a contract outlining the student’s responsibilities to complete all required assignments by the due dates
2. The policy that late assignments will not be accepted
3. The changing syllabus statement
4. The expectations of this course as outlined in this syllabus
5. That final grades are determined on the basis of accumulated points from required assignments
6. The policy that students are responsible for supplying evidence of any discrepancy in grades as determined by returned/graded assignments.

Students disagreeing with the above statements should withdrawal from this course section and enroll in a section of this course taught by another instructor.

1/12 Syllabus/Class Intro

Chapter 1 “Introduction to Child Development”

1/19 Chapter 2 “Conception, Heredity, and Environment

1/26 Chapter 3 “Pregnancy and Prenatal Development”

2/2 Chapter 4 “Birth and the Newborn”

2/9 Exam # 1

2/16 Chapter 5 “Physical Development and Health, 0-3”

2/23 Chapter 6 “Cognitive Development, 0-3”

Article 1 Due

3/2 Chapter 7 “Psychosocial Development, 0-3”

3/9 Chapter 8 “Physical Development and Health in Early Childhood”

Child Study # 1 Due

3/16 Chapter 9 “Cognitive Development in Early Childhood”

3/23 Exam # 2

3/30 Chapter 10 “Psychosocial Development in Early Childhood”

4/6 Chapter 11 “Physical Development and Health in Middle Childhood”

Article 2 Due

April 10-13 (M-Th) Spring Recess (No classes/Campus Open)

April 14 (F) Good Friday Observance (No classes/Campus Closed

4/20 Chapter 12 “Cognitive Development in Middle Childhood”

Chapter 13 “Psychosocial Development in Middle Childhood”

4/27 Chapter 14 “Physical Development and Health in Adolescence”

5/4 Chapter 15 “Cognitive Development in Adolescence”

5/11 Chapter 16 “Psychosocial Development in Adolescence”

Child Study # 2

5/18 Exam # 3

Assignments:

2 Articles @ 10pts 20 pts

2 Observations @ 20pts 40 pts

3 Exams @ 50pts, 50pts, 40pts 140 pts

Class Participation @ 5pts/class meeting 90 pts

Total: 290 pts

Grading: A = 261-290

B = 232-260

C = 203-231

D = 174-202

F = 173 and below

**Important Dates:**

January 9 (M) Start of Fall 2017 semester

January 9 - March 10 (M-F) Short-term classes, first nine weeks

January 16 (M) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance (No classes/Campus Closed)

January 27 (F) Last day to drop a Spring 2017 full-term class in person

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January 29 (Su) Last day to drop a Spring 2017 full-term class to avoid a “W” on WebAdvisor

February 17 (F) Lincoln Day Observance (No classes/Campus Closed)

February 20 (M)) Washington Day Observance (No classes/Campus Closed)

March 13-May 19 (M-F) Short-term classes, second nine weeks

April 10-13 (M-Th) Spring Recess (No classes/Campus Open)

April 14 (F) Good Friday Observance (No classes/Campus Closed

April 17 (M) Classes reconvene

May 15-19 (M-F) Spring 2017 Finals Exam Week

May 19 (F) Commencement/End of Spring 2017 Semester

**THE INSTRUCTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY THE SCHEDULE AND DATES OF LECTURE MATERIAL, READING, AND ASSIGNMENTS. STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN REASONABLE NOTICE OF ALL CHANGES**

***\*\*Students are to take responsibility of dropping this course in the event of non-continuance***