

Reedley College: Department of Early Childhood and Education
Child Growth and Development: ECE-2-59180 | Spring 2024 | 100% Online

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Communication Preference: Canvas Messenger

Availability: I will be available through Canvas Messenger daily and by Zoom through a scheduled meeting. Zoom meetings will need to be requested and scheduled in advance.

Course Description: This course examines the progression of development in the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional domains and identifies developmental milestones for children from conception through adolescence. Emphasis on interactions between biological processes and environmental factors. Students will observe children, evaluate individual differences, and analyze characteristics of development at various stages according to developmental theories.

ADVISORIES: English 1A or 1AH. (A, CSU-GE, UC, I) (C-ID CDEV 100)

If you have registered for a non-credit section of this course, your course number will be in the 300's. Please be advised that this version of this course, though looks exactly like the regular course, is for non-credit. Though the workload, class content and assignments and expectations for successful completion are the same, you will NOT receive a letter grade but instead a pass/no-pass grade. If you are registered for non-credit, you will not be able to use these classes to meet the requirements of an ECE/CHDEV degree or certificate and will not be able to use this class towards obtaining a Child Development permit in order to work in the field. Please feel free to ask your instructor or counselor if you have any questions.

Course Objectives:

1. Summarize major theories of child development.
2. Describe the impact of multiple factors on development and well-being, including those related to biology, environment, and social interactions.
3. Identify the typical progression of development across all domains.
4. Differentiate between characteristics of typical and atypical development.
5. Apply objective techniques and skills when observing, interviewing, describing, and evaluating behavior in children.

Course Student Learning Outcomes (CSLO's):

1. Explain children's development from conception through adolescence in the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive domains.
2. Describe cultural, economic, political, and historical contexts that impact children's development.
3. Apply knowledge of development and major theoretical frameworks to child observations.

Reedley College Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILO's):

- Critical Thinking 1: Apply critical and creative reasoning, including diverse perspectives, to address complex problems
- Critical Thinking 2: Analyze quantitative and qualitative data and apply scientific reasoning to local and global issues
- Critical Thinking 3: Identify and explain issues, analyze evidence, assess assumptions, define personal perspectives and positions, and evaluate the implications and consequences of conclusions
- Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice 1: Describe how history, culture, politics, economics, and geography have perpetuated inequities for people of different physical abilities and those with distinct linguistic, cultural, racial, religious, lifestyle, national, and political backgrounds

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- Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice 2: Engage in respectful communications, acknowledging ideas and values of diverse individuals that represent different ethnic, racial, cultural, and gender expressions

Required Textbook and Materials:

- Open Educational Resources (OER) and Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) – this means there is not a textbook required.
- Regular use of Canvas
- Regular use of RC email

Class Performance Expectations:

- Active Participation: answering prompts, providing responses and opinions, and engaging in meaningful conversation with peers; this may be done through small and large group discussions, classroom activities, etc.
- Complete Reading Assignments: read material prior to discussions, quizzes, and assignments
- Utilize Tutoring: if necessary, seek tutoring for academic support

Students with Disabilities: The instructor will comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), by appropriately accommodating any student with a verified disability. If you have a verified need for academic accommodation or materials in alternative media (e.g. Braille, large print, electric text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities or Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act, please contact your instructor as soon as possible. For more information, contact Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) – (559) 638-0332.

Academic Success: To succeed at the collegiate level, please utilize the college services that are available to all students. These services include: Tutorial Center, Writing Center, Disabled Student Services, Computer Lab, Library, and Counseling Services. The instructor will comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), by appropriately accommodating any student with verified disabilities

Canvas: Students are expected to complete all assignments, readings, exams, quizzes, correspondence, etc. through Canvas. The instructor is not responsible for technological challenges. Students need to contact the help desk at (559) 637-2555.

Attendance and Participation Policy: Face-to-face instruction often requires signing in during a class session. Although this course is online, attendance will be measured through timely participation in online check-ins, discussions, quizzes, assignments, and so on. It is expected that students spend the required time reading materials, responding to peers, and completing assignments through Canvas. **If a student misses 1 week of instruction online, the student may be dropped by the instructor and receive no credit for any work completed.** If a student messages the instructor PRIOR to missing online instruction, the absence *may* be excused. If a student does not contact the instructor prior to missing class participation, the student will be marked absent. Students who enroll late will be able to make up work from the first week no later than the end of the second week. Although students may be dropped by the instructor for non-attendance, **it is the responsibility of the student to evaluate their own needs, understand the college deadlines for dropping a course, and to withdraw from the course if necessary.**

Communication: Course communication must be conducted through the Canvas Messaging System. If you prefer face-to-face support, please request this time through a Canvas message and I can schedule a Zoom meeting. Although I can answer phone calls, my children may join the call; however, I am usually very quick to respond to messages.

Weekend Hours: I may answer questions through Canvas messenger or a scheduled Zoom call on the weekends; however, I will not guarantee availability.

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Participation / Accountability: In an online learning community, respectful expressions of opinions and viewpoints are expected in both individual and group participation. Respectful responses are also submitted on time, so that peers have adequate time to respond thoughtfully. Disrespectful behavior can occur in a virtual classroom and will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis; disrespectful behavior may result in a loss of points or further disciplinary action. Failure to participate in a weekly discussion may result in you being marked absent.

Class Performance Expectations:

- Active Participation: weekly journal check-ins, answering prompts, providing responses and opinions, and engaging in meaningful conversation with peers; this may be done through small and large group discussions, classroom activities, etc.
- Quizzes: quizzes are untimed, allow for multiple attempts, and have weekly recommended due dates.
- Discussions: students are expected to participate in weekly discussion boards.
- Utilize Tutoring: if necessary, seek tutoring for academic support

Late Assignments:

- Under certain circumstances, late assignments will be accepted; there will be no late assignments accepted without contacting the instructor.
- No late assignments will be accepted after the 16th week of this semester.
- This class has mandatory due dates and flexible due dates. Assignments with a mandatory due date cannot be made up with approval from the instructor, while assignments with flexible due dates will have recommended due dates listed but will be accepted up to the 16th week of the class without penalty. See the Explanation of Assignments for more details.

Writing Expectations: Our course will follow APA formatting; if you need assistance in this area, there are examples and resources available in our Canvas course, as well as the Reedley College tutorial center. Rubrics outlining writing expectations for each written assignment will be provided to students.

Cheating and Plagiarism:

The 2023-2024 Reedley College Catalog states:

“Cheating is the act or attempted act of taking an examination or performing an assigned, evaluated task in a fraudulent or deceptive manner, such as having improper access to answers, in an attempt to gain an unearned academic advantage. Cheating may include, but is not limited to, copying from another’s work, supplying one’s work to another, giving or receiving copies of examinations without an instructor’s permission, using or displaying notes or devices inappropriate to the conditions of the examination, allowing someone other than the officially enrolled student to represent the student, or failing to disclose research results completely.”

Plagiarism is a specific form of cheating: the use of another’s words or ideas without identifying them as such or giving credit to the source. Plagiarism may include, but is not limited to, failing to provide complete citations and references for all work that draws on the ideas, words, or work of others, failing to identify the contributors to work done in collaboration, submitting duplicate work to be evaluated in different courses without the knowledge and consent of the instructors involved, or failing to observe computer security systems and software copyrights. Incidents of cheating and plagiarism may result in any of a variety of sanctions and penalties, which may range from a failing grade on the particular examination, paper, project, or assignment in question to a failing grade in the course, at the discretion of the instructor and depending on the severity and frequency of the incidents.”

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When beginning our course, reading the information regarding cheating and plagiarism is a module requirement. Penalties for cheating and plagiarism range from a “0” or an “F” on an assignment, paper, quiz, exam, or project, through an “F” in the course. Determinations are made at the discretion of the instructor.

Disruptive Virtual-Classroom Behavior: Student conduct that disrupts the learning process will not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action. This includes but is not limited to discussions, Canvas messages, and interactions between students. Students will be provided information concerning proper “Netiquette” and this will be the expectation for online student-to-student and student-to-instructor interactions. **Students will never be asked to engage with each other outside of discussion boards within our designated Canvas course.** If another student requests personal information of any kind, please report this immediately.

Starfish – “Get on the Path to Student Success” In this course, you will likely receive alerts from Starfish. This system supports you throughout the semester and connects you to counselors and instructors to make sure you are on the path for success. I highly recommend you use visit this [page](#) on our website for more information and tips on using Starfish.

Course Outline:

1. Current and Historical Theories of Child Development and Learning
2. Influences on Development
 1. Heredity and genetics
 2. Maturation
 3. Environmental influences
 4. Supporting optimal development in school and at home
 5. Contexts of development
 1. Cultural
 2. Socio-Economic
 3. Historical perspectives iv. Societal

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Explanation of Assignments

Journal Check-In's (complete / incomplete)

These weekly journals are due each Tuesday at 11:59pm and will include a brief response to a question about student pacing, progress, and success in the class. Students will be required to complete this as weekly evidence of active and consistent participation in the class; this is considered a mandatory due date assignment. Failure to complete the weekly journal in combination with other missing assignments or low progress in the class **may result** in documented absences or being dropped from the course.

Small-Group Discussion Boards (17 x 20pts = 340pts)

Small-group discussion boards satisfy SLO 1-3 and ILOs. Each discussion board requires an initial post by the student and then at least 2 peer responses that continue conversation, ask thoughtful questions, and provide meaningful perspective. The initial post is due each week on Thursdays at 11:59pm and peer responses are due no later than the following Sunday at 11:59pm; this is considered a mandatory due date assignment. **Students may not post to the discussion board late without permission from the instructor. Failure to post AND communicate a request for an extension on an initial post will result in a grade of a 0 for the discussion.**

Observation Assignments / "Mid-Term" & "Final Assignments" (2 x 50pts = 100pts)

Students will demonstrate their understanding of theory in child growth and development through two applied, virtual observations. Students will complete a virtual observation, write two essays in APA format that directly connect their observations to the course content, and complete a creative component to synthesize their findings. These essays will serve as culminating projects that cover SLO's 1-3. Observation assignments will be open and available for the entire semester to allow for students to plan ahead; assignments will remain closed after the assignment due date. Students will be allowed to submit a rough draft of their work during the week designated in Canvas to support academic writing progress (APA formatting). This is considered a mandatory due date assignment. **Failure to communicate with the instructor or request an extension on an assignment will result in a grade of a 0 on the observation assignment(s).**

Unit Quizzes (19 x 10pts = 190pts)

Students are expected to complete a unit quiz for each module unit covered within the course. Quizzes may consist of multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, matching, and scenario applications. All quizzes will include academic vocabulary and serve to satisfy SLO's 1-3 and course learning objectives. Quizzes are untimed and allow for multiple attempts. Quizzes are considered assignments with a "flexible due date." **Failure to communicate with the instructor or request an extension on a quiz before week 16 will result in a grade of a 0 on the quiz.**

Units Assignments (6 x 25pts = 150pts)

Students will complete unit assignments that consist of writing, journals, and / or creative work (Canva, Power Point, Prezi, Video, drawings, or other creative platforms). Unit assignments serve to satisfy SLO's 1-3 and student learning objectives through theory application and relevant topic research. All unit assignments will be open and available for the entire semester to allow for students to plan ahead. Unit Assignments are considered assignments with a "flexible due date" and will not be accepted after the 16th week of the class. **Failure to communicate with the instructor or request an extension on an assignment up to the 16th week will result in a grade of a 0 on the unit assignment.**

Forms of Assessment:

All graded assignments will have a rubric for scoring reference and expectations. Rubrics will include graded assignment-specific areas and several ungraded areas, including SLO's for content proficiency, ILO's, and APA writing progress. It is highly recommended to review each rubric for further growth in the class.

***DISCLAIMER: Due dates and point values are subject to change pending the discretion of the instructor. It is always the student's responsibility to confirm due dates via Canvas and contact the instructor if there is a discrepancy. ***

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Grading Scale Table

Components	Total Raw Points	Letter Grade Points / Percentage	
Assignments 250	702-780	A	90-100%
Quizzes 190	624-694.2	B	80-89%
Discussions 340	546-616.2	C	70-79%
Total 780	468-538.2	D	60-69%
	0-460.2	F	0-59%

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPRING 2024

DATE	DAY	EVENT / DEADLINE
January 2	(T)	Campus re-opens after Winter Break
January 5	(F)	Last day to add a full-term or short-term Spring 2024 class in person 5:00 p.m.
January 7	(Su)	Last day to add a full-term or short-term Spring 2024 class through Self-Service 11:59 p.m.
January 8	(M)	Start of Spring 2024 semester
January 8 - March 8	(M-F)	Short-term Spring 2024 classes, first nine weeks
January 15	(M)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed (no classes held, campus closed)
January 19	(F)	Last day to drop a Spring 2024 full-term class for full refund
January 26	(F)	Last day to register for a Spring 2024 full-term class in person with add authorization
January 26	(F)	Last day to drop a Spring 2024 full-term class to avoid a “W” in person
January 28	(Su)	Last day to drop a Spring 2024 full-term class to avoid a “W” on Self-Service
January 28	(Su)	Last day to add a Spring 2024 full-term class with add authorization on Self-Service
February 16	(F)	Lincoln Day observance (no classes held, campus closed)
February 19	(M)	Washington Day observance (no classes held, campus closed)
March 1	(F)	Deadline to apply for graduation for Spring 2024 completion
March 8	(F)	Last Day to drop a Spring 2024 full-term class (letter grades assigned after this date)
March 11 - May 17	(M-F)	Short-term Spring 2024 classes, second nine weeks
March 25 - March 29	(M-F)	Spring recess (no classes held, campus open Mar 25-28)
March 29	(F)	Good Friday observance (no classes held, campus closed) (classes reconvene Apr 1)
May 13-17	(M-F)	Spring 2024 final exams week
May 17	(F)	Last day to change a Spring 2024 class to/from Pass/No-Pass grading basis
May 17	(F)	End of Spring 2024 semester/commencement
May 27	(M)	Memorial Day holiday (campus closed)

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Assignment Schedule		
<i>Each week will have required assignments and assignments with flexible due dates.</i>		
Week #	Required Work	Recommended Pacing
Week 1	Journal #1 Whole-Class Discussion Board Syllabus Quiz	Unit 1 Quiz
Week 2	Journal #2 Unit 2 Small-Group Discussion Board	Unit 2 Quiz Unit 2 Assignment
Week 3	Journal #3 Unit 3 Small-Group Discussion Board	Unit 3 Quiz
Week 4	Journal #4 Unit 4 Small-Group Discussion Board	Unit 4 Quiz Unit 4 Assignment
Week 5	Journal #5 Unit 5 Small-Group Discussion Board	Unit 5 Quiz
Week 6	Journal #6 Unit 6 Small-Group Discussion Board	Unit 6 Quiz Unit 6 Assignment
Week 7	Journal #7 Unit 7 Small-Group Discussion Board	Unit 7 Quiz Optional Rough Draft of Observation #1
Week 8	Journal #8 Unit 8 Small-Group Discussion Board	Unit 8 Quiz
Week 9	Journal #9 Unit 9 Small-Group Discussion Board Observation #1	Unit 9 Quiz
Week 10	Journal #10 Unit 10 Small-Group Discussion Board	Unit 10 Quiz
Week 11	Journal #11 Unit 11 Small-Group Discussion Board	Unit 11 Quiz
Week 12	Journal #12 Unit 12 Small-Group Discussion Board	Unit 12 Quiz Unit 12 Assignment
Week 13	Journal #13 Unit 13 Small-Group Discussion Board	Unit 13 Quiz
Week 14	Journal #14 Unit 15 Small-Group Discussion Board	Unit 14 Quiz Unit 14 Assignment Optional Rough Draft of Observation #2
Week 15	Journal #15 Discussion Board	Unit 15 Quiz
Week 16	Journal #16 Unit 16 Quiz Unit 16 Assignment DUE 5/5/24 @ 11:59pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit Assignments 2, 4, 6, 12, 14, 16 • Quizzes 1-16 	
<i>All self-paced work is due by Sunday, May 5th, 2024 @ 11:59pm</i>		
Week 17	Journal #17 Discussion Board Unit 17 Quiz	
Week 18	Journal #18 Discussion Board Unit 18 Quiz	

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	Final Assignment – Virtual Observation #2	
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