

CHFD215

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Course Summary

Course : CHFD215 **Title :** Introduction to Child Development

Length of Course : 8

Prerequisites : N/A **Credit Hours :** 3

Description

Course Description: This course addresses the research and theory of child development from conception through the end of childhood. Topics include the child's emotional, perceptual, and intellectual development, with attention to the social, cultural, and biological context in which children develop. Practical applications of theory and research will be emphasized.

Course Scope:

This course provides an overview of research, theory and practice related to child development.

Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will have demonstrated an ability to apply knowledge of the following:

1. Identify major child development theories and issues.
2. Examine research methods relevant to child psychology.
3. Identify the major growth and development issues associated with the early life stages.
4. Explore the biological, social/cultural, cognitive and emotional development of the child.
5. Identify the contributions of major theorists to the study of child development.
6. Engage in critical thinking regarding child development issues.

Outline

Week 1:

Required Readings

Read

See Required Readings in the Lesson section of the classroom

Assignments

Forum Week 1

Quiz 1 (Located under "Tests and Quizzes" section of the classroom)

Week 2:

Required Readings

Read

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Assignments

Forum Week 2

Quiz 2 (Located in "Tests and Quizzes" section of the classroom)

Week 3:

Required Readings

Read

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Assignments

Forum Week 3

Quiz 3 (Located in "Tests and Quizzes" section of the classroom)

Week 4:

Required Readings

Read

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Assignments

Forum Week 4

Quiz 4 (Located in the "Tests and Quizzes" section of the classroom)

Week 5:

Required Readings

Read

See Required Readings in the Lesson section of the classroom

Assignments

Forum Week 5

Quiz 5 (Located in "Tests and Quizzes" section of the classroom)

Week 6:

Required Readings

Read

See Required Readings in the Lesson section of the classroom

Assignments

Forum Week 6

** No quiz this week. Begin final project.*

Week 7:

Required Readings

Read

See Required Readings in the Lesson section of the classroom

Assignments

Forum Week 7

Week 8:

Required Readings

Read

See Required Readings in the Lesson section of the classroom

Assignments

Forum 8

Final Project Due 11:59 PM Sunday, Eastern Time

Evaluation

Grading:

Name	Grade %
Forums	50.00 %
Forum 1	6.25 %
Forum 2	6.25 %

Forum 3	6.25 %
Forum 4	6.25 %
Forum 5	6.25 %
Forum 6	6.25 %
Forum 7	6.25 %
Forum 8	6.25 %
Assignments	30.00 %
Final Project	30.00 %
Quizzes	20.00 %
Week 4 Quiz R	4.00 %
Week 5 Quiz R	4.00 %
Week 1 Quiz R	4.00 %
Week 2 Quiz R	4.00 %
Week 3 Quiz R	4.00 %

Materials

Book Title: Various resources from the APUS Library & the Open Web are used. Links provided inside the classroom in the Lessons section.

Author: No Author Specified

Publication Info:

ISBN: N/A

Course Guidelines

Citation and Reference Style

Attention Please: Students will follow the APA Format as the sole citation and reference style used in written work submitted as part of coursework to the University. Assignments completed in a narrative essay or composition format must follow the citation style cited in the APA Format.

Late Assignments

Students are expected to submit classroom assignments by the posted due date and to complete the course according to the published class schedule. As adults, students, and working professionals, I understand you must manage competing demands on your time. Should you need additional time to complete an assignment, please contact me **before** the due date so we can discuss the situation and determine an acceptable resolution. Late submissions that are submitted without prior approval may not be graded. Routine submission of late assignments is unacceptable and may result in points deducted from your final course grade.

Forum Assignments – These are interactive dialog assignments designed to help you connect with your classmates in course related discourse and form a learning community. They are located under the “Forums” link on the left side of your course screen. Please carefully read the forum prompt each week. Post your initial response by 11:59 PM on Wednesday of the week and 2 reply posts to classmates by 11:59 PM on Sunday of the week. Late posts to the forum cannot be accepted for grading. Once the week ends, the forum ends. The grading rubric and requirements for forums can be found in the Forum section of the classroom.

Netiquette

Online universities promote the advancement of knowledge through positive and constructive debate – both inside and outside the classroom. Forums on the Internet, however, can occasionally degenerate into needless insults and “flaming.” Such activity and the loss of good manners are not acceptable in a university setting – basic academic rules of good behavior and proper “Netiquette” must persist. Remember that you are in a place for the rewards and excitement of learning which does not include descent to personal attacks or student attempts to stifle the Forum of others.

Technology Limitations: While you should feel free to explore the full-range of creative composition in your formal papers, keep e-mail layouts simple. The Sakai classroom may not fully support MIME or HTML encoded messages, which means that bold face, italics, underlining, and a variety of color-coding or other visual effects will not translate in your e-mail messages.

Humor Note: Despite the best of intentions, jokes and especially satire can easily get lost or taken seriously. If you feel the need for humor, you may wish to add “emoticons” to help alert your readers: ;-), :), J

APUS Online Library

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