I. Course Description:
Developmental study of the child from conception through age six. Content includes an overview of the grand theories of development, parenting styles and discipline methods, and sequences of physical, intellectual, social and emotional development. Environmental and social factors that influence development in all domains including conception and prenatal development, birth, and physical growth and development through age six are addressed. Prerequisites: None

II. Intended Learning Outcomes/Goals/Objectives:
This course supports the vision, mission, and core values of the College of Education which is to prepare competent, successful, caring, and enthusiastic professionals dedicated to responsible service, leadership, and continued professional and intellectual development. The course enhances student learning in the area of child development and serves as one of the foundation courses in the Child and Family Development Program in the Department of Human Sciences, and aligns with the standards of the National Council on Family Relations and the National Association for the Education of Young Children to promote learning and understanding of child development and family relationships.

Program Learning Outcomes
1. Learners will identify social & cultural influences affecting family life.
2. Learners will recognize healthy and unhealthy characteristics pertaining to family relationships.
3. Learners will apply appropriate practices based on theories of human growth and development to individuals and families.
4. Learners will apply strategies based on the child’s age/stage of development to promote effective developmental outcomes.
5. Learners will develop culturally-competent educational materials and learning experiences.
6. Learners will demonstrate professional behaviors that are reflective of ethical standards and practice.

Student Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of the course, the student will:
1. Be able to describe the sequence of development in infants, toddlers, and pre-schoolers in the major domains of development: physical, cognitive, emotional, and social.
2. Be able to identify the major genetic and environmental factors that influence the course of development from conception through age six
3. Be able to describe the attitudes and behaviors of parents that directly influence the development of the young child.
4. Be able to identify the diversity of family forms in contemporary society and stages of the family life cycle.
5. Be able to identify parenting strategies that modify children's behaviors so they can adapt to family and social standards.
6. Be able to identify and evaluate theories of human development.
7. Be able to describe attitudes and behaviors of parents and individuals that directly influence the course of development. The course prepares students seeking certification in Family & Consumer Sciences to meet TeXeS Standard III: The family and consumer sciences teacher understands human growth and development, parent/guardian/educator roles and responsibilities, and career opportunities in human development, education, and service.

III. Course Assignments, Activities, Instructional Strategies, use of Technology:
1. HMS 236 is a D2l Enhanced course. Information notices will be posted on the course home page. Students may contact the instructor and/or other students by clicking in the mail tool and selecting individual's name or click on class instructor's name or all instructors to send e-mail.
2. Course content is delivered via class lectures and discussions, assigned textbook readings, assignments and discussion board questions directly relevant to the course content. Students should check the homepage on a daily basis for notices, mail, and assignments.
3. Students should check their grade points at least once a week. Any discrepancies in points must be resolved within one week after assignment grades have been posted otherwise the posted grade points are considered final and will not be reviewed at a later date.

IV. Evaluation and Assessments (Grading):
The course is graded on a letter grade basis (A-F). Final grade will be determined by a percentage of total required points for the course. There are tentatively 640 required points for the course.


Course Points are earned through:
1. There will be three exams during the semester: Midterm Exam, Exam II, and Final Exam. Each exam = 130 points. **Total: 390 points.** All exams will be taken online via D2L during regularly scheduled class time. Students must have computer access and need to log in promptly in order to take the exam. Please call Student Help Line at 468-1919 for technical assistance. Assistance is available M-F, 8:00-5:00 p.m.

**Midterm Exam (Ch. 1-4), Exam II (Ch. 5-7), and Final Exam (Ch. 8-10).**
Students must contact the instructor prior to the exam date if rescheduling is necessary for a compelling reason. All exams must be made up within 3 class days or a grade of zero will be recorded.

2. Assignments: There are **five assignments.** All Assignments should be typed in APA Style and uploaded on D2L Drop Box. Each Assignment has 30points. **Total: 150 points.** All assignments and discussion must be typed in 12 fonts, Double space, Times New Roman and page numbers in the upper right corner if there are 2 or more pages (if it is not typed in 12 fonts, Double Space, Times New Roman, you will earn zero points). Handwritten assignments in any part are non-acceptable. Having problems with the computer and/ or failing to view the assignment are unacceptable reasons for failing to complete an assignment on the due date.
You need to use wired computer for exams and discussions. I will not open your zip file and you will earn zero for zip file (Your file should be word file). Do not request to turn in an assignment late for any of these reasons. I will not accept any assignment under my office door and through e-mail.

4. Observation (6 hours): 100 points

Students must conduct observations at their pre-scheduled times each week (2 hrs/week). The times and days you sign up for are when you are expected to be in the Head Start classroom throughout the semester. You also have to observe in your assigned classroom, and cannot switch to another classroom. Schedule changes and make-up hours are absolutely limited to emergency circumstances, and you have to notify your instructor within a week of the emergency in writing via email, and provide proper documentation. Make-up hours are solely up to the instructor’s discretion. Any schedule changes or make-up hours must be approved by the instructor in writing, and after instructor approval, Ms. LaShundra Vinson has to be notified at lvinson@get-cap.org. Since you are scheduled for more hours & more weeks than you need to reach the required 6 hours, it is completely up to you to manage your time and finish your hours by the deadline, without the need for make-up hours. Therefore, manage your time accordingly, so if you miss an observation, you still have enough “slots” in the semester to get your hours in.

Your role in the classroom is that of an observer, and with the permission of the classroom teachers, you may also interact with the children. Interactions with children should consist of activities that support the classroom environment, and do not detract from activities or curricula that the staff s are directing. For example, reading a book during free play is OK. However, allowing children to play with you or talk to you during center time when the lead teacher is directing an activity is NOT OK. Use your professional judgement in combination with the teachers’ instructions in guiding your interactions with children. If at any point you are a) being asked to perform staff duties in the classroom or are left alone with children, you are to notify Ms. LaShundra Vinson in person AND in writing at lvinson@get-cap.org within 24 hours of the incident and copy your professor on the email. If at any point you witness an incident that puts a child’s safety at risk or gives you grave concern about a child’s well-being, you are to report the incident to the teacher AND to Ms. LaShundra Vinson in person and in writing at lvinson@get-cap.org within 24 hours of the incident and copy your professor on the email. As a reminder, in Texas you are a mandated reporter - Texas law requires anyone who has reason to believe that a child has been abused or neglected to report the suspected abuse or neglect to a law enforcement agency or an agency that protects children, for example the Texas Department of Family and Protection Services.

1) Students need to submit their original paper work to faculty (if it is not faculty’s office hours, just slide them under the office door) by Sept. 9.

2) Name Badge Holders. Students must wear name badges at all times when at the Head Start site.

3) Students must use an observation time card to clock-in and clock-out for each hour on a separate line. One hour = 50 minutes. Number each hour: (1) clock-in time, (2), (3), etc. to (6) repeat as in line 1. All lab cards must upload to D2L Dropbox by
November 30th 9pm.

4) Students are expected to adhere to the Dress Code When Making Observations at Head Start. No Exceptions! Please Review the Dress Code Policy in the Getting Started Content Link. No hats are to be worn at any time; No exercise tights and shirts/blouses; no open-toe sandals, and no shorts or tank tops to be worn.

5) Students who are not dressed appropriately will be asked to leave Head Start and Return at another time. Failure to Follow the Dress Policy will Result in a Student's Withdrawal from Head Start and the Student will Not be Able to Finish the Required Observations.

6) Failure to complete the 6 hours Observation Hours by the Due Date November 30th 9pm Will Result in a Failing Grade for the observation.

- Below is the information that your time card should have at Head Start.
  1. You need to sign your name under the clock-out hour time.
  2. You need to write the time (e.g., 50 min., 52 min.) below the clock-out time. You must clock-in and clock-out for each observation hour.
  3. Don’t circle or put squares around your hours.
  4. Number each hour and clock in vertically-all going in the same direction.
  5. You need to write your observation day and time at the top of your card.

Make Up Schedule:
I expect that students will take exams on the day that they are given. All students who missed any exam before the final will be required to take the makeup exam for that particular exam on assigned date by the faculty during class time. Any absence on an exam day requires written documentation (doctor's note, sanctioned school function, etc) and I reserve the right not to permit you to take a makeup. If an exam is missed, you must contact the instructor within three days. It is your responsibility to provide me with documentation noting your absence and to notify me that you need to take a makeup exam on the day reserved (assigned date). If you have an excuse that is documented and have been verified by me and do miss the exam, all make up exams will be held on the last day of class assigned date in this classroom during the scheduled class time. In addition, students will not be permitted to make up more than one exam on this day. If you fail to make up a missed exam after assigned date you will receive a zero on the exam. No makeup exam will be given for the final.

V. Tentative Course Outline/Calendar:
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| Week 9          | **Exam 2 Chapters 5-7, Online via D2L**  
|                | **Same Format as for previous exams**  
|                | **Due: 11/4, 9pm** |
| Week 10        | **Chapter 9 Reading**  
|                | **Assignment 4 due: 11/11, 9pm** |
| Week 11        | **Chapter 10 Reading** |
| Thanksgiving   |                      |
| Week 12        | **Observation due: 11/30 9pm**  
|                | **Assignment 5 due: 12/2 9pm** |
| Final Week     | **Final Exam Due: 12/6, 9pm**  
|                | **Chapters 8-10, Online via D2L Same Format as for previous exams.**  
|                | **Students will have 120 minutes to complete the final exam** |

**VI. Readings**

**VII. Course Evaluations:**
Near the conclusion of each semester, students in the College of Education electronically evaluate courses taken within the COE. Evaluation data is used for a variety of important purposes including: Course and program improvement, planning, and accreditation, and instruction evaluation purposes. As you evaluate this course, please be thoughtful and accurate in completing the evaluation. In the College of Education, the course evaluation process has been simplified and is completed electronically through MySFA. Although the instructor will be able to view the names of students who complete the survey, all ratings and comments are confidential and anonymous, and will not be available to the instructor until after final grades are posted.

**VIII. Student Ethics and Other Policy Information:**
**Attendance**

Class attendance and promptness is expected and attendance will be taken each class day, however, no points are given for class attendance. Students must be in class to take in class pop up quiz for points. Failure to attend class or arrive late after class has begun may result in the loss of in class pop up quiz points. **Notice:** Beginning Monday, August 30, 2016, the classroom door will be locked once class has begun at the instructor’s discretion. Students who leave class will not be permitted to re-enter the classroom. Students must notify the instructor if there is a health reason that may necessitate leaving class or family emergency.

Students with Disabilities: To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004/468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to [http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices](http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices).

**Definition of Academic Dishonesty**

Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one’s own work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one’s paper without giving the author due credit. Please read the complete policy at [http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp).

**Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (A-54)**

Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

**To complete Certification/Licensing Requirements in Texas related to public education, you will be required to:**

Undergo criminal background checks for field or clinical experiences on public school campuses; the public school campuses are responsible for the criminal background check; YOU are responsible for completing the information form requesting the criminal background check; the completed information form is due _______________________. If you have a history of criminal activity, you may not be allowed to complete field or clinical experiences on public school campuses. At that point, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

Provide one of the following primary ID documents: passport, driver’s license, state or providence ID cards, a national ID card, or military ID card to take the TExES exams (additional information available at [www.texas.ets.org/registrationBulletin/](http://www.texas.ets.org/registrationBulletin/)). YOU must provide legal documentation to be allowed to take these mandated examinations that are related to certification/licensing requirements in Texas. If you do not have legal documentation, you
may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU. Successfully complete state mandated a fingerprint background check. If you have a history of criminal activity, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

IX. Other Relevant Course Information

Attendance Policy:
On-line Attendance in class is expected. You are expected to check D2L every day for the entire period. If you need to be absent, please notify the instructor in advance. You are responsible for course information whether you are in attendance or not. **Missed exams, assignment, discussion, grade can only be made up if your absence is excused.** Absences are excused only when documentation of illness, loss of family member, significant family emergence, athletic involvement, or religious holiday is presented to the instructor within 1 week of the absence. Please let me know immediately if chronic health problems (mental or physical) or a personal emergency threaten to interfere with your regular attendance and required work for this class.

Zero-tolerance attendance policy:
Students must check course schedule thoroughly, unless excused at the discretion of the professor. It is your responsibility to make sure every assignment, discussion, and exams. Cuts, work conflicts, vacations, and appointments that can be rescheduled are examples of unacceptable excuses. Documentation is recommended even for too numerous excused absences or for persistent tardiness.

Forms of Academic Misconduct:
1. Cheating: Using unauthorized noted or study aids, allowing another party to do one's work exam and turning in that work exam as one's own; submitting the same or similar work in more than one course without permission from the course instructors; deception in which a student misrepresents that he/she has mastered information on an academic exercise that he/she has not mastered; giving or receiving aid unauthorized by the instructor on the assignments or examinations.
2. Aid of academic dishonesty: Intentionally facilitating any act of academic dishonesty. Tampering with grades or taking part in obtaining or distributing any part of a scheduled test.
3. Fabrication: Falsification of creation of data, research, or resources, or altering a graded work without the prior consent of the course instructor.
4. Plagiarism: Portrayal of another's work or ideas as one's own. Examples include unacknowledged quotation and/or paraphrase of someone else's words, ideas, or data as one's own in work submitted for credit. Failure to identify information or from the Internet and submitting them as one's own work also constitutes essays plagiarism. You will earn Zero for each assignment, discussion, any other materials for grade if it is considered as Plagiarism.
5. Lying: Deliberate falsification with the intent to deceive in written or verbal form as it applies to an academic submission.
6. Bribery: Providing, offering or taking rewards in exchange for a grade, an assignment, or the aid of academic dishonesty.
7. Threat: An attempt to intimidate a student, staff, or faculty member for the purpose of receiving an unearned grade or in an effort to prevent reporting of an Honor Code
Violation.

Non-academic Misconduct:
The university respects the rights of instructors to teach and of students to learn. Maintenance of these rights requires campus conditions that do not impede their exercise. Campus behavior that interferes with these rights will not be tolerated; examples include
- interfering with the instructor's ability to conduct the class
- causing inability of other students to profit from the instructional program, or
- any interference with the rights of others. An individual engaging in such disruptive behavior may be subject to disciplinary action. Such incidents will be adjudicated by the Dean of Students under non-academic procedures.

Ongoing behaviors or single behaviors considered distracting (e.g., coming late to class performing a repetitive act that is annoying, sleeping or reading a newspaper in class, etc.) will be addressed by the faculty member initially either generally or individually. Cases in which such annoying behavior becomes excessive and the student refuses to respond to the faculty member's efforts can be referred to the Dean of Students. In the case of serious disruptive behavior in a classroom the instructor may first request compliance from the student and if it is not received, an instructor has the authority to ask the student to leave the classroom. If the student fails to leave after being directed to do so, assistance may be obtained from other university personnel, including University Police Department. An individual engaging in such disruptive behavior is subject to disciplinary action. Such incidents will be adjudicated by the Dean of Students under non-academic procedures to determine if the student should be allowed to return to the classroom.

Assignment Rubric

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