Stephen F. Austin State University
HMSC 1300-501 Foundations in Human Sciences
Fall 2020

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Credits: 3

Prerequisites: None

I. Course Description
Introduction to human sciences professions, knowledge base, concepts in human sciences, and related career opportunities.

The Foundations in Human Sciences course aligns with the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Body of Knowledge. The following 11 commonalities unify and provide a foundation for professional practice for all HMS specializations/program areas:

- Basic Human Needs
- Individual Well-Being
- Family Strengths
- Community Vitality
- Human Ecology Systems Theory
- Resource Development and Sustainability
- Wellness
- Global Interdependence
- Capacity Building
- Appropriate use of Technology
- Life Course Development

II. Intended Learning Outcomes, Goals, Objectives
The conceptual framework and the vision, mission, and goals of the James I. Perkins College of Education describe a shared vision and purpose for the SFASU College of Education. It provides coherence for our curriculum, clinical experiences, and assessments. It is linked to the university vision and values and describes how those values translate into knowledge, skills, and dispositions in the College of Education. It is this philosophy and vision that helps to distinguish our graduates from those of other institutions.

This course supports the vision, mission, and core values of the James I. Perkins College of Education whose mission is to prepare competent, successful, caring, and enthusiastic professionals dedicated to responsible service, leadership, and continued professional intellectual development.

In the College of Education at Stephen F. Austin State University, we value and are committed to:
- Academic excellence through critical, reflective, and creative thinking
• Life-long learning
• Collaborative and shared decision making
• Openness to new ideas, culturally diverse people and innovation and change
• Integrity, responsibility, diligence, and ethical behavior
• Service that enriches the community

a. Program Learning Outcomes
This course supports the School of Human Sciences through the program learning outcomes listed below:

• The student will display the professional dispositions (academic excellence, life-long learning, collaboration, openness, integrity and service) relative to the field of Human Science.
• The student will exhibit the professional behavior (strong communication skills, a professional image, a good work ethic and adequate preparation for employment in his/her specific discipline) expected in the field of Human Sciences.
• The student will demonstrate competence in his/her specific discipline using oral and written forms.

b. Student Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

• Comprehend and communicate a knowledge base in Human Sciences
• Apply an understanding of concepts related to family and child development, resource management, food, nutrition, and dietetics, fashion merchandising, interior design, hospitality administration, and family and consumer sciences
• Identify career opportunities in Human Sciences
• Synthesize an understanding of the standards expected for presentations, writing assignments, and class participation in Human Sciences
• Evaluate current and future trends that impact work and the near environment

III. Course Assignments, Activities, Instructional Strategies, use of Technology
Correct use of spelling and grammar, along with the display of professional writing skills are necessary for all course assignments, discussion boards, and emails. Errors in spelling and/or grammar will result in a loss of points. Turnitin will be used by the Instructor to monitor writing originality and plagiarism.

All assignments must be submitted through the online course in a Microsoft Word format. Additionally, all assignments, quizzes, and exams will have an 11:30 PM (CST) deadline on the specified date. You will not have access to complete an assignment, quiz, or exam after that time.

If you have a question regarding an assignment, please email the instructor in a timely fashion. It is your responsibility to make sure that questions arrive in a timely manner.

a. Discussions 70 points
Throughout the course the student will engage in seven online discussions as a way to critically evaluate and analyze learned material. Each student will post one response to each discussion, in
addition to commenting on a minimum of two other classmates’ posts. If a student fails to engage in the discussion by commenting on classmates’ responses, the student will not earn full credit for the discussion. Each discussion is worth 10 points each.

b. Quizzes 90 points
The student will complete a quiz at the end of each module in order to show understanding of the material for that week. There will be nine quizzes worth ten points each throughout the semester.

c. Exams 200 points
There will be two exams given throughout the semester that will cover the material in the modules. They are designed to gauge your progress toward mastering the assigned material. Exams are to be taken during the assigned time frame. There are no make-up exams. Therefore, if a student misses the exam, the student will accept a 0 for that exam.

d. Assignments 140 points
There will be five assignments given throughout the semester that will require you to critically analyze course content. They are designed to gauge your progress toward mastering the material in connecting it to real world issues in Human Sciences.

e. D2L
This course is entirely online and will be coordinated through Brightspace by D2L. It is imperative that you check Brightspace by D2L multiple times throughout the week to stay informed with any course updates. Additionally, students should check their grade points in Brightspace by D2L and any discrepancies in points must be resolved within one week after the assignment grades have been posted. Otherwise, the posted grade points are considered final and will not be reviewed at a later date.

If you ever experience technical difficulties, please use the contact information listed here:
Brightspace by D2L technical support (936) 468-1919; General computer support (936) 468-4357.
Please note the Brightspace by D2L technical support is not available on weekends.

IV. Evaluation and Assessments
Grading Criteria
There is a total of 500 possible points to be earned from course assignments, discussions, exams, and projects. YOU impact your grade. The grade you receive is the grade you have earned.

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A grade of an A indicates excellent; B, good; C, average; D, passing; F, failure

Further explanation of assignments, grades, course progress will be discussed during office hours on an individual basis.
This syllabus presents a “best” plan for this course; however, plans can change when circumstances
necessitate change. Any changes to this syllabus will be announced to the class in a timely manner.

V. Tentative Course Outline/Calendar

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<td>August 24-30</td>
<td>Introduction Module</td>
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<td>• Read the course syllabus and module content</td>
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<td>• Complete the Introduction discussion and Module quiz</td>
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<td>August 31-September 6</td>
<td>Module 1: History &amp; Current State of Human Sciences</td>
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<td>• Read all module content</td>
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<td>• Complete Module 1 discussion &amp; quiz</td>
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<td>September 7-13</td>
<td>Module 2: Body of Knowledge</td>
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<td>• Read all module content</td>
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<td>• Complete Module 2 discussion &amp; quiz</td>
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<td>September 14-20</td>
<td>Module 3: Research in Human Sciences</td>
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<td>• Read all module content</td>
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<td>• Complete Module 3 quiz</td>
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<td>• Submit Developing an Abstract: Research assignment</td>
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<td>September 21-October 4</td>
<td>Module 4: Connecting Academic, Professional &amp; Personal Integrity in Human Sciences</td>
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<td>• Read all Module content</td>
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<td>• Complete Module 4 discussion &amp; quiz</td>
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<td>October 5-11</td>
<td>Midterm Exam: Modules 1-4</td>
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<td>October 12-25</td>
<td>Module 5: Careers in Human Sciences</td>
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<td>• Complete Module 5 discussion &amp; quiz</td>
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<td>• Submit Career Research assignment</td>
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<td>October 26-November 1</td>
<td>Module 6: Human Ecology &amp; Generational Differences</td>
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<td>• Complete Module 6 quiz</td>
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<td>• Submit Eco-Map assignment</td>
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<td>November 2-15</td>
<td>Module 7: Social Issues in Human Sciences</td>
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<td>• Complete Module 7 discussion &amp; quiz</td>
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<td>• Submit Social Media assignment</td>
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<td>November 16-20 &amp; November 30-December 6</td>
<td>Module 8: Public Policy in Human Sciences</td>
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<td>• Complete Module 8 discussion &amp; quiz</td>
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<td>• Submit Making an Impact assignment</td>
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<td>November 23-27</td>
<td>Thanksgiving Break</td>
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VI. Readings

**Required Textbook** There is *no required textbook* for this course. All readings will be provided to the student from the instructor through the D2L system.

VII. Course Evaluations

Near the conclusion of the semester, you will have the opportunity to evaluate the course. Evaluation data is used for a variety of important purposes including: 1.) Course and program improvement, planning, and accreditation; 2.) Instruction evaluation purposes; and 3.) Making decisions on faculty tenure, promotion, pay, and retention. As you evaluate this course, please be thoughtful, thorough, and accurate in completing the evaluation. Please know that the faculty is committed to excellence in teaching and continued improvement. Therefore, your response is critical!

VIII. Student Ethics and Other Policy Information: Found at [http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/)

The following policies apply to all students enrolled in courses at Stephen F. Austin State University.

**a. Class Attendance and Excused Absence (Policy 6.7)**

Regular, punctual attendance, documented participation, and, if indicated in the syllabus, submission of completed assignments is expected at all classes, laboratories, and other activities for which the student is registered. Based on university policy, failure of students to adhere to these requirements shall influence the course grade, financial assistance, and/or enrollment status. The instructor shall maintain an accurate record of each student’s attendance and participation as well as note this information in required reports (including the first 12-day attendance report) and in determining final grades. Students may be excused from attendance for reasons such as health, family emergencies, or student participation in approved university-sponsored events. However, students are responsible for notifying their instructors in advance, when possible, for excusable absences. Whether absences are excused or unexcused, a student is still responsible for all course content and assignments. Students with accepted excuses may be permitted to make up work for up to three weeks of absences during a semester or one week of a summer term, depending on the nature of the missed work. Make-up work must be completed as soon as possible after returning from an absence.

**b. Student Academic Dishonesty (Policy 4:1)**

Abiding by university policy on academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members must promote the components of academic integrity in their instruction, and course syllabi are required to provide information about penalties for cheating and plagiarism, as well as the appeal process.

**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 when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and/or (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

Penalties for academic dishonesty may include, but are not limited to reprimand, no credit for the assignment or exam, re-submission of the work, make-up exam, failure of the course, or expulsion from the university. Any student who wishes to appeal decisions related to academic dishonesty should follow procedures outlined in Academic Appeals by Students (6.3).

c. Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (Policy 5.5)
At the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic unit head, 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, except as allowed through policy [i.e., Active Military Service (6.14)]. If students register for the same course in future semesters, the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

d. Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities (Policy 6.1 & 6.6)
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/

e. Student Code of Conduct (Policy 10.4)
Disruptive Behavior--Interference or disruption of students, faculty, administration, staff, the educational mission, or routine operations of the university is prohibited. Such activity includes, but is not limited to, behavior in a classroom or instructional program that interferes with the instructor or presenter's ability to conduct the class or program, or the ability of others to profit from the class or program. To remain in the vicinity of activity that is disrupting normal university functions when requested to leave by a university official is prohibited. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the Early Alert Program at SFA.

f. Masks (cloth face coverings)
Must be worn over the nose and mouth at all times in this class and appropriate physical
distancing must be observed. Students not wearing a mask and/or not observing appropriate physical distancing will be asked to leave the class. All incidents of not wearing a mask and/or not observing appropriate physical distancing will be reported to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Students who are reported for multiple infractions of not wearing a mask and/or not observing appropriate physical distancing may be subject to disciplinary actions.


Virtual office hours
Because I do not physically have an office at SFA I will conduct virtual office hours via Zoom. When you follow the link below and log on to the office hours, you will be put into a “waiting room.” You’ll see a message that I will let you in shortly. If there is no student there already, I will immediately let you in. If you have to wait for a few minutes, that means I am with someone. Don’t worry, I WILL get to you in the order that you entered the waiting room. Even if it is past the time for my office hours to end, I’ll get to everyone who logs on! So if you have to wait, please be patient and know that I have not forgotten you are there.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://sfasu.zoom.us/j/93388727276?pwd=bHo2akdQL3dsSjh0WlJKS0Ywb2EyQT09

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