School of Human Sciences
HDFS 5334: Theories of Human Development and Family Studies
Spring 2022 – 2nd Part of Term

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**Credits:** 3
**Prerequisites:** None

**Course Time & Location:** Online

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**I. Course Description:**
Provides an overview of the theoretical perspectives used to study families in order to deepen student understanding of the theories driving the field of human development and family studies.

**Course Credit Justification:** HDFS 5334 “Theories of Human Development & Family Studies” (3 credits). Students in this course receive extensive course content information via online content modules equivalent to 2370 minutes for the semester and includes a major final project. Students in the course will engage in a variety of assignments which can include, but are not limited to, significant course readings, course content exams, in-class or online discussions, academic research papers, and annotated bibliographies. For every hour a student spends engaging with the course content, they spend at least 3 hours completing associated activities and assessments.

**Course Delivery Modality:** This course uses online asynchronous course delivery.

**Diversity Statement:** James I. Perkins College of Education Diversity Statement is found at the following link: [https://www.sfasu.edu/coe/about/deans-office-statements](https://www.sfasu.edu/coe/about/deans-office-statements)

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**II. Intended Learning Outcomes/Goals/Objectives (Program/Student Learning Outcomes):**
The mission of the College of Education is to prepare competent, successful, caring, and enthusiastic professionals dedicated to responsible service, leadership, social justice and continued professional and intellectual development in an interconnected global society.

Additional information about the College of Education vision, mission, and core values can be found at [http://coe.sfasu.edu/about-us](http://coe.sfasu.edu/about-us).

This course relates to the College of Education’s Conceptual Framework (CF) and/or Vision, Mission, Goals, and Core Values (VMGV).

**Program Learning Outcomes:**
1. Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, about human science theories, arguments, methods, and concepts.
2. Synthesize, critique, and critically consume quantitative and qualitative data in the field of human science.
3. Conduct research and apply theories of human sciences (thesis) OR analyze and synthesize research from the field of human sciences (comprehensive exam).
Student Learning Outcomes:
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:
4. Be able to describe and apply major theories in the field of human development and family studies
5. Be able to compare and contrast human development and family studies theories and their applications
6. Critically evaluate the major human development and family studies theories
7. Discuss academic literature relevant to the study of human development and family studies

III. Course Assignments, Activities, Instructional Strategies, Use of Technology:

Course Assignments & Activities:

1. Reaction papers (40%). Students will write a total of three (3) individual reaction papers. These papers will be 4-5 page double-spaced reaction papers written in response to a question prompt provided by the professor. These papers should include citations from the weekly readings or additional readings as required/needed.

2. Course Discussion Posts (30%). There will be four discussions in which you will participate. These discussions will require you to think about theories discussed in the class and respond to your peers. These discussions may require you to log-in and participate several times throughout the week, so carefully read the directions for each discussion. Discussions will be graded on the quality of the postings. When you post, you should move the conversation forward and may even pose additional questions for other people in your group to answer. Some of these discussions will be written and some of these discussions will be done via Zoom technology. Therefore, you should have a working computer, camera, microphone, & speakers.

3. Theory Gets Hip (30%). For this assignment, you will come up with a unique and creative way to teach one of the theories from the course. Theory is often considered “dry” and it is your job to “hip” it up. You can create a video, an infographic, or some other unique way to teach the theory. You will develop your project with a specific defined audience in mind. They may be the parents at your child-care center, the nurses at your assisted living facility, employees at a hotel, etc. You will determine the audience and then create a way to teach them about a relevant theory we studied in the course. You will also write a paper to accompany your project that details your audience, how you could incorporate the project, why you chose the theory, and how that theory is relevant to your past, present, and future experiences/career/studies.

Use of Technology:
Please make sure that you have access to a working computer that has a reliable internet connection. You will use BRIGHTSPACE to access all your course materials and you must use technology to access the course. Internet access and a working computer are essential tools for the course. In addition, Zoom technology may be utilized in the course, so you will need a working camera, speakers, and microphone on your computer as well.

Important notes about BRIGHTSPACE:
1. Most assignments that you will upload to BRIGHTSPACE should be done using a Word document or PowerPoint. If you do not currently have, or anticipate having, access to Microsoft Office, then please make the appropriate arrangements to secure the appropriate software for use in this course. It would be virtually impossible for the
professor to save work in multiple formats to accommodate for all individual software available—as such Microsoft Office is the sole means of acceptable software to be used for uploading relevant documents.

2. The most appropriate browsers to use with BRIGHTSPACE are either Google Chrome or Firefox.

**Attendance:**
While there is not an attendance grade for this course per se, it is important for you to note that assignments due during a certain week will only be accepted by the due dates posted in BRIGHTSPACE or on the syllabus. Not attending the course by getting online and completing the assignments will result in you earning a “0” for that week’s activities. Therefore, it is essential to your success that you participate each week as assigned.

**IV. Evaluation & Assessments (Grading):**
The course is graded on a letter grade basis (A-F). Final grade will be determined by a percentage of total grades. All assignments will be graded on a 100 point scale, but will be weighted according to the percentages below.

- A = 89.5% - 100%
- B = 79.5% - 89.4%
- C = 69.5% - 79.4%
- D = 59.5% - 69.4%
- F = 0% - 59.4%

**Assignments & Quizzes Weights:**

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**V. Tentative Course Outline**
**NOTE:** Weeks run from Mondays at 12:01am - Sundays at 11:59pm Central Standard Time (CST). All submissions are to be uploaded to BRIGHTSPACE Dropbox by 11:59 PM on the last day of the week as shown below, unless otherwise noted!!
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Please note that April 14-17 is a student & faculty holiday. The Dropbox will remain open through the 17th, but you should complete your work by April 13th to avoid working during the holiday.
VI. **Course Textbook (Purchase required):** You may purchase digital copies if available.

VII. **Course Articles (PDF posted in BRIGHTSPACE)**

VIII. **VII. Course Evaluations:**

“Near the conclusion of each semester, students in the Perkins College of Education electronically evaluate courses (the teaching itself and the content/assignments) taken within the PCOE. 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 (full-time and part-time) annual evaluation processes, tenure, promotion, pay, and retention.

As you evaluate this course, please be thoughtful, thorough, and accurate in completing the evaluation. Please know that the PCOE faculty is committed to excellence in teaching and continued improvement. Therefore, your response is critical!”

In the Perkins 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 summarized data will not be available to the instructor until after final grades are posted.
VIII. Student Ethics and Other Policy Information: Found at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/

Class Attendance and Excused Absence: Policy 6.7

Regular, punctual attendance, documented participation, and, if indicated in the syllabus, submission of completed assignments are 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.

Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities: Policy 6.1 and 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, 936-468-3004 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/

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:
- using or attempting to use unauthorized materials on any class assignment or exam;
- falsifying or inventing of any information, including citations, on an assignment;
- 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 one’s own. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:
- submitting an assignment as one’s own work when it is at least partly the work of another person;
- submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from the Internet or another source;
- incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one’s paper or presentation without giving the author credit.

Penalties for Academic Dishonesty
Penalties 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.
Student Appeals
A student who wishes to appeal decisions related to academic dishonesty should follow procedures outlined in Academic Appeals by Students (6.3).

Withheld Grades: 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 by the deadline set by the instructor of record, not to exceed 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., Military Service Activation (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.

If a student has been found guilty of academic dishonesty, a grade of “WP” or “WH” may be changed to “WF” at the discretion of the faculty member. In the case of a grade change to “WF”, the course will not count towards the six course drop limit since the student is incurring an academic penalty.

Student Code of Conduct: Policy 10.4
Disorderly conduct including but not limited to: (a) disruption or Interference of Students, faculty, administration, staff, the educational mission, or routine operations of the University. (b) Commercial solicitation on campus or with University resources without prior approval from University officials. (c) Failure to comply with a reasonable and lawful request or directive of University Officials. (d) Facilitation of Student misconduct including but not limited to assisting, conspiring, soliciting, or encouraging others to engage in conduct which violates the Student Code of Conduct. More information on Student Code of Conduct can be found at https://www.sfasu.edu/policies/student-code-of-conduct-10.4.pdf

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. Student Mental Health

SFASU values students’ mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. SFA provides a variety of resources to support students mental health and wellness. Many of these resources are free, and all of them are confidential.

On-campus Resources:
SFASU Counseling Services
www.sfasu.edu/counselingservices
3rd Floor Rusk Building
936-468-2401

SFASU Human Services Counseling Clinic
https://www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/clinics-labs/counseling-clinic
Human Services Room 202
936-468-1041

Crisis Resources:
Burke 24-hour crisis line 1(800) 392-8343
Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1(800) 273-TALK (8255)
Crisis Text Line: Text HELLO to 741-741
X. Other Relevant Course Information:

Acceptable Student Behavior
In an online course, acceptable behavior includes how you interact with your fellow students in class discussions, online discussion forums, and any group work. Language used should always be professional. While you are encouraged to share personal experiences as examples for synthesizing class information, it will never be required of you to disclose information that makes you uncomfortable. When disagreeing with other students in the class, please be professional and refrain from profanity, personal attacks, and slurs.

Class participation
Class participation promotes a valuable learning environment, and is therefore encouraged and expected. Participation includes asking questions (for clarification or better understanding), discussing current or controversial issues related to course content, exploring applications of ideas or concepts, problem solving, and other exchanges of ideas. It is the student’s responsibility (and to his/her benefit) to read the material assigned in the class schedule prior to the assignment to be able to participate effectively in discussion postings and/or activities. Students are encouraged to collaborate with others in the class when studying and/or reviewing material via chat, student-created discussion board postings, in person, or other methods by which they will be successful.

Office Hours
I conduct my office hours via Zoom, if you would like to attend office hours in person, please notify met that you will be coming by the office. When using Zoom, I try to conduct my office hours (as much as I can) as if we were still in person! I want to see your face and get to visit with you. : ) If you came to my physical office for office hours and another student was there, you would wait in the hall until I finished with the person who was already there. What that means for you on Zoom is that when you follow the link for office hours from the course 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 and no student in my physical office, I will immediately let you in. If you have to wait for a few minutes, that means I’m 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 haven’t forgotten you are there.