Stephen F. Austin State University
HMS 1300.502-Introduction to Human Sciences
Fall | 2023

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Course Time: Online  
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Prerequisites: None  
Office Hours: T/R Noon or by appt.  
Credit Hours: 3

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 HMSC specializations/program areas:

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

II. Intended Learning Outcomes, Goals and 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 Readings and Instructional Strategies
a. 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.

b. 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. **Course Assignments, Evaluation, and Assessments**
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 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. Any emails sent **after 12:00 PM on Friday** may not be answered until the following Monday.

a. **Discussions**
Throughout the course the student will engage in seven graded 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. *Introduction discussion is encouraged, but not graded.*

b. **Quizzes**
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**
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 zero for that exam.

d. **Assignments**
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. **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. Class Rules

Following these rules will help maximize the course experience for you and your classmates and are nonnegotiable.

- Although this is an online course, it is your responsibility to engage with the class through timely discussions and manage course requirements. **Participation is extremely important to your success in this course.**
- Read the assigned material and submit all required work on the day it is due. **No late work is accepted.**
- Treat everyone in the class with respect and courtesy.
- All students are expected to demonstrate professional behavior and use language appropriate for the classroom learning experience.

VI. General Student 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 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.

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. The link to the code of conduct:
**f. 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!

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### Fall | **2023 Tentative Class Calendar**

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<td>Introduction Module</td>
<td>• Read the course syllabus and module content.</td>
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<td>• Complete the Introduction discussion &amp; Module quiz.</td>
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<td>September 4-17</td>
<td>Module 1: History &amp; Current State of Human Sciences</td>
<td>• Read all module content.</td>
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<td>• Complete Module 1 discussion &amp; quiz.</td>
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<td>September 18-24</td>
<td>Module 2: Body of Knowledge</td>
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<td>• Complete Module 2 discussion &amp; quiz.</td>
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<td>October 25- October 8</td>
<td>Module 3: Research in Human Sciences</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>October 9-22</td>
<td>Module 4: Connecting Academic, Professional &amp; Personal Integrity in Human Sciences</td>
<td>• Read all module content.</td>
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<td>• Complete Module 4 discussion &amp; quiz.</td>
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<td>October 23-29</td>
<td>Midterm Exam</td>
<td>• Complete exam within time frame.</td>
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<td><strong>October 30-</strong>&lt;br&gt;November 12</td>
<td>Module 5: Careers in Human Sciences</td>
<td>• Read all module content.  &lt;br&gt;• Complete Module 5 discussion &amp; quiz.  &lt;br&gt;• Submit Career Research assignment</td>
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<td>November 13-19</td>
<td>Module 6: Human Ecology &amp; Generational Differences</td>
<td>• Read all module content.  &lt;br&gt;• Complete Module 6 quiz.  &lt;br&gt;• Submit Eco-Map assignment.</td>
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<td><strong>November 20-26</strong></td>
<td>Holiday Break</td>
<td>• No Assignments</td>
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<td>November 27- December 3</td>
<td>Module 7: Social Issues in Human Sciences</td>
<td>• Read all module content.  &lt;br&gt;• Complete Module 7 discussion &amp; quiz.  &lt;br&gt;• Submit Social Media assignment.</td>
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<td>Module 8: Public Policy in Human Sciences</td>
<td>• Read all module content.  &lt;br&gt;• Complete Module 8 discussion &amp; quiz.  &lt;br&gt;• Submit Making an Impact assignment.</td>
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<td>Final Exam: Comprehensive</td>
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