I. Course Description:

Investigation of the developmental changes of individuals in families from birth to death. Content includes physical, emotional, cognitive, social, moral, and personality development.

Course Justification: “Human Growth, Development & Aging in Family Context” (3 credits). Students in this course receive an understanding of Human growth and aging, which prepares them for careers advocating for and helping life span human development and aging process. To gain an understanding of general human development and aging in Gerontology by using a bio-psycho-social framework to examine the historical, cultural, biological, physiological, psychological, and social aspects of human development and aging. Emphasis is given to the changes that are associated with human development and aging and the resulting dynamic interactions between older people and their environment. Students in the course will engage in a variety of assignments which can include, but are not limited to, course content exams, in-class or online discussions, academic papers, and quizzes.

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 human development and, and aligns with the standards of the National Council on Family Relations and the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences to promote learning and understanding of human 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 demonstrate professional behaviors that are reflective of ethical standards and practice
6. Learners will develop culturally-competent educational materials and learning experiences.
7. 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 be able to:
1. Describe the grand theories and emerging theories pertaining to human development over the life span.
2. Articulate the primary developmental milestones from infancy through adulthood in the major domains of biosocial, cognitive, emotional, and social development.
3. Identify the major genetic, social, and environmental factors that influence the course of human development throughout the life span.
4. Identify contemporary social issues and explain their impact on human development over the life span.

**III. Course Assignments, Activities, Instructional Strategies, use of Technology:**

A. Course content is delivered through Six Learning Modules. Each module will outline specific chapter readings and include additional readings from Professional Journals, Secular Magazines, Newspapers, etc.
B. Homepage News - **The instructor primarily uses News on the Homepage to communicate with the class.** If the instructor receives several e-mails that are similar, the instructor will post to the News and will not answer each e-mail individually.
C. For specific issues related to viewing or submitting an assignment, please contact the D2L Student Help resource at 936-468-1919 which is available 8AM – 5 PM, Monday - Friday.
   i. The Course Instructor does not have information on the specifics related to your computer and the assignments. The Student Help resource is available 8 – 5, Monday –Friday at 936-468-1919.
   ii. It is the student’s responsibility to plan ahead and submit assignments on time. If assistance is needed, it is available Monday – Friday, 8 AM – 5 PM at 936-468-1919. If assistance is needed, the instructor will review the times that your request was made and resolved by the Student Help Resource at 936-468-1919. Grades/Points will be determined based on the initiative that the student took to submit the assignment by the due date.

***Please note that all your assignments are run through a plagiarism and AI detection program (TurnitIn). While the use of AI is not forbidden in this course, you are expected to paraphrase, rewrite and cite all information you quote from another source (e.g., textbook, websites, ChatGPT). Copying and pasting information from another source, even when you cite them, is unacceptable.

**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 520 required points for the course.
Course Points are earned through:
1. There will be 11 non-cumulative exams on information relevant to our OER textbook and lectures administered via D2L. Exams will cover material from the OER textbook and D2L Modules as outlined in the Course Schedule. Each exam will have 30 questions and will be worth 30-50 points per each, for a total of 400 points. Please check the course schedule for due dates and exam availability. Students must have a working computer and internet access, and need to log in promptly to take the exam. Please call the D2L help line at 936-468-1919 for technical assistance M-F 8:00-5:00. Outside of these hours, contact a D2L technician (non-SFA staff) via the home-page “LiveChat” feature. Technical difficulties will not be valid excuses for missing/not finishing exams/quizzes. Avoid waiting until the last moment to take the exam/quiz. 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. CASE Study Writing Assignment: (1) There is a Case study Writing Assignment. All Assignments should be typed in APA Style and uploaded on D2L Drop Box. This Assignment has 120 points. This assignment must be typed in 12 font, 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.

VI. Readings: Textbooks:
OER Textbook is uploaded on D2L

*** Required QClassroom Statement:
This course uses the QClassroom data management system to collect critical assessments for students who are Perkins College of Education majors (undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral) or majors in other colleges seeking educator certification through the Perkins College of Education. Support emails will come from qclassroom@sfasu.edu.

VII. Course Evaluations
Near the conclusion of each semester, students in the Perkins College of Education electronically evaluate courses 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 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 will not be available to the instructor until after final grades are posted.

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

**Attendance Policy:**
Since it is an on-line course, physical attendance is not expected, but you need to check D2L website every day for the entire period. 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:
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.

**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. Professor will assign extra-credit points for completing the survey. In the College of Education, the course evaluation process has been simplified and is completed electronically through MySFA. Although the professor 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 professor until after final grades are posted.

Student Ethics and Other Policy Information: Found at [https://www.sfasu.edu/policies](https://www.sfasu.edu/policies)
Attendance is mandatory. Being present each class day for this course means that you earn 5 points. Not being present on any given class lecture day means you earned -5 points. Please also review roman numeral IV of this syllabus.

**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 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.

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, 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.

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; and/or; 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; and/or, 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 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.

Student Code of Conduct: Policy 10.4
Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the
ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the Student Conduct Code, policy D-34.1). Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. 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 iCare: Early Alert Program at SFA. Information regarding the iCare program is found at https://www.sfasu.edu/judicial/earlyalert.asp or call the office at 936-468-2703.

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 essays from the Internet and submitting them as one's own work also constitutes 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.
8. If students will not follow any of these rules, instructor will ask the student to leave the classroom. It is students’ responsibility to upload appropriate files on D2L (Faculty cannot open the ZIP Files, Mac files, and cannot use any other technology). If the file is not appropriate, you will earn zero point for it. Please don’t ask to upload your file again. If you upload the wrong file on due date and ask to upload good file, I will not accept it. Please don’t tell me that it is not late or it is technical issue or others. During the exam, students need to use wired, stable computer. Please don’t ask if there is technical issue during the exam, computer, and power issue.
9. Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (HOP policy 02-206)
Please copy and paste the following information regarding Withheld Grades into your syllabus. Add additional information as needed to meet your departmental or course needs.

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 coursework 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 to compute the grade point average. For additional information, go to https://www.sfasu.edu/docs/hops/02-206.pdf.

• 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 promptly may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilitieservices/.

• Student Wellness and Well-Being
SFA values students’ overall well-being, mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. Students may experience stressors that can impact both their academic experience and their personal well-being. These may include academic pressure and challenges associated with relationships, emotional well-being, alcohol and other drugs, identities, finances, etc.

If you are experiencing concerns, seeking help, 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.

• Other important course-related policies:
***Other SFA policy information is found in the Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP)

Institutional Absences (HOP 04-110)
Please copy and paste the following information regarding Institutional Absences into your syllabus. In addition, you may include your guidelines for institutional absences as appropriate.
• An Institutional Absence may be granted to a student who participates as a representative of the University in academic (including research), extra- or cocurricular, or athletic activities. Students will be excused for institutional purposes from otherwise required academic activity only when a valid Institutional Absence is approved by the appropriate administrative unit or official and the documentation of approval is provided to the faculty member at least five (5) days in advance.

Institutional absences will not be approved for keystone events, defined as: a special or unique assignment, test, project, experience, or other academic exercise identified by the Faculty member as critical for successful completion of standards of the class and unable to be missed. These events must be identified on the syllabus at the beginning of the semester and communicated to the students. Events added to the syllabus at a later date will not qualify for Keystone Event status. Keystone Events where the date/time is changed will no longer be considered a Keystone Event. Students should make themselves aware of any Keystone Events identified in the syllabus to ensure there are no conflicts.

For keystone events where the assignment dates vary, it is incumbent upon the students to work
with their faculty member to not select a conflicting date.

More information on Institutional Absences, including how to apply, can be found at https://www.sfasu.edu/deanofstudents/student-resources/institutional-absences.

Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (In addition, you may include your guidelines for academic integrity as appropriate).

Please copy and paste the following information regarding Academic Integrity into your syllabus. In addition, you may include your guidelines for institutional absences as appropriate.

• The Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (HOP 04-106) outlines the prohibited conduct by any student enrolled in a course at SFA. It is the responsibility of all members of all faculty, staff, and students to adhere to and uphold this policy.

Articles IV, VI, and VII of the new Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity outline the violations and procedures concerning academic conduct, including cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and misrepresentation. Cheating includes, but is not limited to: (1) Copying from the test paper (or other assignment) of another student, (2) Possession and/or use during a test of materials that are not authorized by the person giving the test, (3) Using, obtaining, or attempting to obtain by any means the whole or any part of a non-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program, or using a test that has been administered in prior classes or semesters without permission of the Faculty member, (4) Substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for one’s self, to take a test, (5) Falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other records or academic work offered for credit, (6) Using any sort of unauthorized resources or technology in completion of educational activities.

Plagiarism is the appropriation of material that is attributable in whole or in part to another source or the use of one’s own previous work in another context without citing that it was used previously, without any indication of the original source, including words, ideas, illustrations, structure, computer code, and other expression or media, and presenting that material as one’s own academic work being offered for credit or in conjunction with a program course or degree requirements.

Collusion is the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any provision of the rules on academic dishonesty, including disclosing and/or distributing the contents of an exam.

Misrepresentation is providing false grades or résumés; providing false or misleading information in an effort to receive a postponement or an extension on a test, quiz, or other assignment for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit for oneself or another individual or to injure another student academically or financially. For additional information, go to https://www.sfasu.edu/docs/hops/04-106.pdf.

Additional Information:
To complete Certification/Licensing Requirements in Texas related to public education and other professional settings, you will be required to:

1. 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. 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.

2. Provide one of the following primary ID documents: passport, drivers 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/). 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.

3. 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.

For further information concerning this matter, contact Katie Snyder 936-468-1740 or snyderke1@sfasu.edu

Resources

• On-campus Resources:
  O The Dean of Students Office (Rusk Building, 3rd floor lobby)
  www.sfasu.edu/deanofstudents 936.468.7249 dos@sfasu.edu
  o SFASU Counseling Services • www.sfasu.edu/counselingservices
  Health and Wellness Hub (corner of E. College and Raguet) • 936-468-2401
  O SFASU Human Services Counseling Clinic • www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/139.asp
  Human Services Room 202 • 936-468-1041
  O The Health and Wellness Hub “The Hub”
  Location: corner of E. College and Raguet St.
  □ To support the health and well-being of every Lumberjack, the Health and Wellness Hub offers comprehensive services that treat the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Services include:
    □ Health Services
    □ Counseling Services
    □ Student Outreach and Support
    □ Food Pantry
    □ Wellness Coaching
    □ Alcohol and Other Drug Education
  www.sfasu.edu/thehub
  936.468.4008
  thehub@sfasu.edu
  □ Crisis Resources:
    □ Burke 24-hour crisis line 1(800) 392-8343
    □ National Suicide Crisis Prevention: 9-8-8
    □ Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1(800) 273-TALK (8255)
V. Tentative Course Outline/Calendar:

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| **Week 1:** 1/18-1/28   | Getting Started:  
  Syllabus, Course Brightspace, Textbook, Assignment/Exams check  
  Reading: Module 1: Development and Developmental Theory  
  Quiz 1(30 points) and 2(30 points) due: 1/28th, 9pm |
| **Week 2:** 1/29-2/4    | Reading: Module 2-3: Prenatal Development  
  Infancy  
  Quiz 3(30 points) and 4(50 points) due: 2/4th, 9pm |
| **Week 3:** 2/5-2/11    | Reading: Module 4, 5, 6: Early Childhood Development  
  Middle Childhood  
  Adolescence  
  Quiz 5(40 points), 6(40 points), 7(40 points) due: 2/11th, 9pm |
| **Week 4:** 2/12-2/18   | Reading: Module 7: Adulthood  
  Quiz 8(40 points), 9(30 points), 10(40 points) due: 2/18th, 9pm |
| **Week 5:** 2/19-2/25   | Reading: Module 8: Death & Dying  
  Quiz 11 (30 points) due: 2/25th, 9pm |
| 2/19-2/25               | CASE STUDY WRITING ASSIGNMENT DUE: 2/25TH 9PM |
| **Week 6:** 2/26-3/5    | Grading Week |
## Writing Assignment Rubric

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