EDEP 632 DL4– Human Development
3 Credits, Spring 2021
Mondays, 4:30-7:10pm, Online Synchronous

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COVID 19 Procedures: Spring 2021
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Prerequisites
None

University Catalog Course Description
Examines the course of human development from early childhood to adulthood within the context of educational psychology. Emphasizes principles of research in human development and the major areas of cognitive, linguistic, and social contexts of development as they pertain to learners in schools and beyond. Offered by Graduate School of Education. May not be repeated for credit.

Course Overview
This course will specifically cover the areas of physical, cognitive, and psychosocial development from infancy, to early childhood, middle childhood, adolescence, young adulthood, middle adulthood, and late adulthood. Understanding of the material will be assessed through experiential assignments and reflections. The class will culminate with an in-depth literature review supported by an outline and annotated bibliography.

Course Delivery Method
This course will be delivered 100% online using a synchronous format via Blackboard Learning Management system (LMS) housed in the MyMason portal. You will log in to the Blackboard (Bb) course site using your Mason login name (everything before @masonlive.gmu.edu) and password.

Under no circumstances may candidates/students participate in online class sessions (either by phone or Internet) while operating motor vehicles. Further, as expected in a face-to-face class meeting, such online participation requires undivided attention to course content and communication.

Technical Requirements
To participate in this course, students will need to satisfy the following technical requirements:
- High-speed Internet access with a standard up-to-date browser, either Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox is required (*note*: Opera and Safari are not compatible with Blackboard).
- Students must maintain consistent and reliable access to their GMU email and Blackboard, as these are the official methods of communication for this course.
- Students may be asked to create logins and passwords on supplemental websites and/or to download trial software to their computer or tablet as part of course requirements.
- The following software plug-ins for PCs and Macs, respectively, are available for free download:
  - *Adobe Acrobat Reader*: https://get.adobe.com/reader/
  - *Windows Media Player*: https://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/downloads/windows-media-player/
  - *Apple Quick Time Player*: www.apple.com/quicktime/download/

Expectations
- Course Week:
  Our course week will begin on the day that our synchronous meetings take place as indicated on the Schedule of Classes.

- Log-in Frequency:
  Students must actively check the course Blackboard site and their GMU email for communications from the instructor, class discussions, and/or access to course materials several times per week. In addition, students must log-in for all scheduled online synchronous meetings.

- Participation:
  Students are expected to actively engage in all course activities throughout the semester, which includes viewing all course materials, completing course activities and assignments, and participating in course discussions and group interactions.

- Technical Competence:
  Students are expected to demonstrate competence in the use of all course technology. Students who are struggling with technical components of the course are expected to seek assistance from the instructor and/or College or University technical services.

- Technical Issues:
  Students should anticipate some technical difficulties during the semester and should, therefore, budget their time accordingly. Late Work will not be accepted based on individual technical issues.

- Workload:
  Please be aware that this course is **not** entirely self-paced. Students are expected to meet specific deadlines and due dates listed in the **Class Schedule** section of this syllabus. It is the student's responsibility to keep track of the weekly course schedule of topics, readings, activities and assignments due. Due to the online nature of the course, many activities will be self-paced. However, Discussion Board Reactions and some assignments are time-restricted. Assignments can be turned in prior to the due date, but must be turned by the due date. Late Work will not be accepted.

- Instructor Support:
  Students may schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss course requirements, content or other course related issues. While campus is closed, plan to meet with the instructor via

telephone or web conference. Students should email the instructor to schedule a one-on-one session, including their preferred meeting method and suggested dates/times.

- Netiquette:
The course environment is a collaborative space. Experience shows that even an innocent remark typed in the online environment can be misconstrued. Students must always re-read their responses carefully before posting them, so as others do not consider them as personal offenses. Be positive in your approach with others and diplomatic in selecting your words. Remember that you are not competing with classmates, but sharing information and learning from others. All faculty are similarly expected to be respectful in all communications.

- Accommodations:
Online learners who require effective accommodations to insure accessibility must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services.

Learner Outcomes or Objectives

This course promotes an understanding of how to be an effective consumer of research in education and human development across the lifespan and in varied learning contexts. The course will place emphasis on child and adolescent development through the use of foundational and contemporary research works in educational psychology and human development.

- Students will be able to explain specific constructs in educational psychology and human development across cognitive, linguistic, social, and emotional dimensions.
- Students will develop an understanding of the educational implications of theories of educational psychology and human development.
- Students will understand the historical context and contemporary approaches to research in educational psychology and human development.
- Students will develop an informed perspective on developmental issues in educational psychology such as individual differences, changes over time, and the complex interactions of internal and external factors.

Professional Standards
Upon completion of the course, students will have met the following standards:

Standard 1: Knowledge of Cognition, Motivation, and Development. Candidates will demonstrate an understanding of principles and theories of learning, cognition, motivation, and development as they apply to a wide variety of contemporary learning contexts.
Standard 3: Knowledge of Educational Research and Assessment. Candidates will demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts, principles, techniques, approaches, and ethical issues involved in educational research.
Standard 6: Communication and Dissemination of Educational Research. Candidates will demonstrate critical thinking, oral presentation, technological, and writing skills as they are used in the profession. These include: a. Knowledge and use of APA style, b. Oral presentations, c. Poster presentations, d. Article abstracts, e. Research proposals, f. Literature reviews, and g. Technological skills.

APA Learner Centered Principles:
Principle 1: The Nature of the Learning Process
Principle 2: Goals of the Learning Process
Principle 3: Construction of Knowledge
Principle 4: Strategic Thinking
Principle 5: Thinking about thinking
Principle 6: Context of Learning
Principle 10: Developmental Influences on Learning
Principle 11: Social Influences on Learning
Principle 12: Individual Differences in Learning
Principle 13: Learning and Diversity

For more information see: American Psychological Association (1997). Learner-centered psychological principles: A framework for school redesign and reform. https://www.apa.org/ed/governance/bea/learner-centered.pdf

Required Text
Papalia, D. E. & Martorell, G. (2015). *Experience human development* (13th ed.). McGraw Hill.

*Additional required readings are available on Blackboard (please see below the tentative schedule in the syllabus for a detailed list)

Recommended Texts
American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). https://doi.org/10.1037/0000165-000

Course Performance Evaluation
Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor (e.g., via Blackboard).

Students are held to the standards of the George Mason University honor code. You are expected to attend all class sections, actively participate in class discussion, and fulfill assignments. Assignments must be turned in on blackboard by midnight on the specified due date or **no credit will be given**. Assignments have been scheduled in advance to provide you with sufficient time to complete the assignment. Only students with emergencies, documented medical excuses, or University sponsored functions (discussed with the professor in advance) will be considered for exception. Please see the professor for individual clarifications. All written work must be typed and follow APA guidelines. It is recommended that students make copies of all submitted work.

Assignments

1. Participation and Attendance (10%)

Because of the importance of lecture and discussion to your total learning experience, you are encouraged to attend and participate in class regularly. Attendance, punctuality, preparation, and active contribution to small and large group efforts are essential. These elements of your behavior will reflect the professional attitude of the course and will account for 10% of your course grade.

Students who must miss a class must notify the instructor (preferably in advance) and are responsible for completing all assignments and readings for the next class.

As an additional form of class participation, students are expected to post weekly brief reflections on the assigned course readings. Students are encouraged to use these weekly reflections to raise questions and make connection between the course content and their own experiences. Reflections are to be posted on Blackboard under the Discussion Board by midnight on Sunday prior to each class. Reflections should consist of (1) a reflection on interest (e.g., what did you find most interesting about the readings?), (2) a reflection on experience (e.g., what did you connect with the most from the readings?), and (3) a list of 3-5 questions about the readings. Students may miss two reflections without penalty.

2. Annotated Bibliography (20%)

Students will locate articles relevant to their area of interest within the realm of human development and construct an annotated bibliography including information on the purpose of the study, research question(s) and/or hypothesis(es), methods used, a summary of the findings, and a general reflection of the importance or impact of the study from your own point of view (i.e., not the authors view from the articles). This annotated bibliography will be the foundation of the major assignment for the course, the review of the literature. You should provide the APA citation for each reference used. This assignment will consist of a minimum of 10 articles.

3. Review of the Literature (30%)

Students will write a comprehensive literature review and analysis examining one of the themes in human development. Any of the major themes in Papalia and Martorell (2015) are appropriate, but students are limited to this list. The choice of topic should be discussed with the instructor and submitted for approval in the 5th week of coursework. Students' research paper topics will be discussed during the semester in class. The literature review will consist of approximately 15-20 pages, double-spaced, excluding title page and references. Research papers must adhere to the guidelines of the Publication Manual of the APA (see rubric).

4. Module Assignments (40%, 10% each)

As a means to reflect on and make connections between the developmental concepts and research discussed in class and course readings, students will complete a module assignment after each of the four developmental periods addressed in class: (1) infancy, toddlerhood, and early childhood, (2) middle childhood, (3) adolescence, and (4) adulthood. Relevant module assignments for each developmental period will be posted on the course Blackboard site.

For each module, students are expected to provide a 2 to 4-page paper in which they describe the experience and analyze and discuss using specific research and content presented in class and course readings. Papers must adhere to the APA Publication Manual guidelines using APA style. Alternative modules to those posted may be submitted with approval of the instructor in advance of the due date.

Grading

Grading (Assignments Outline)		Grading Scale (as %)		
Participation	10	A+ = 98 - 100	A = 93 - 97.99	A- = 90 - 92.99
Annotated Bibliography	20	B+ = 88 - 89.99	B = 83 - 87.99	B- = 80 - 82.99
Review of Literature	30	C = 70 - 79.99	F = below 70	
Module Assignments (x4)	40			
Total	**100**			

Grading on written work will take into account the following factors: quality of written work, knowledge of content area, and adherence to requirements of assignments. As a graduate student it is expected that all your work will be turned in on the assigned dates. Late work will not be accepted.

Professional Dispositions
Students are always expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions. See
https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/polices-procedures/

Core Values Commitment
The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles: http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/.

GMU Policies and Resources for Students

Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/).

- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see https://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/).

- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students **solely** through their Mason email account.

- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see https://ds.gmu.edu/).

- Students must silence all sound emitting devices during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Campus Resources

- Support for submission of assignments to Tk20 should be directed to tk20help@gmu.edu or https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/tk20. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to https://its.gmu.edu/knowledge-base/blackboard-instructional-technology-support-for-students/.

- For information on student support resources on campus, see https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus

Notice of mandatory reporting of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking:
As a faculty member, I am designated as a "Responsible Employee," and must report all disclosures of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking to Mason's Title IX Coordinator per University Policy 1202. If you wish to speak with someone confidentially, please contact one of Mason's confidential resources, such as Student Support and Advocacy Center (SSAC) at 703-380-1434 or Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at 703-993-2380. You may also seek assistance from Mason's Title IX Coordinator by calling 703-993-8730, or emailing titleix@gmu.edu.

For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, please visit our website https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/ .

Tentative Class Schedule

Week	Date	Topic	Readings	Assignment Due
1	Jan. 25	Introduction and Overview Overview of the Lifespan Approach Theories of Human Development	EHD: Ch. 1 & 2	Discussion Board Introductions Due: **Monday**, Jan. 25th by Midnight Reply by **Wednesday**, Jan. 27th by Midnight
2	Feb. 1	First three years: Physical Development First three years: Cognitive Development Library searching techniques, peer-reviewed journals in developmental psychology APA Format Overview	EHD: Ch 4 & 5 Skim zero to three website: https://www.zerotothree.org	

3	Feb. 8	First three years: Psychosocial Development Early Childhood: Physical and Cognitive	EHD: Ch 6 & 7 Rogoff (2016) Skim SRCD website: https://www.srcd.org	
4	Feb. 15	Early Childhood: Psychosocial Literature Review Guidelines Workshop: Module Assignments	EHD: Ch 8 Skim NAEYC website: https://www.naeyc.org	Infancy/Toddlerhood/ Early Childhood Module 1 Due: **Friday**, Feb. 19th by Midnight
5	Feb. 22	Middle Childhood: Physical and Cognitive	EHD: Ch 9	Literature Review Topic Due: **Monday**, Feb. 22nd by Midnight
6	Mar. 1	Middle Childhood: Psychosocial	EHD: Ch 10 Ochs et al. (2001)	Middle Childhood Module 2 Due: **Friday**, Mar. 5th by Midnight
7	Mar. 8	Adolescence: Physical and Cognitive	EHD: Ch 11	
8	Mar. 15	Adolescence: Psychosocial	EHD: Ch 12 Suarez-Orosco et al. (2010)	
9	Mar. 22	Young Adult: Physical and Cognitive	EHD: Ch 13	
10	Mar. 29	Young Adult: Psychosocial Workshop: Annotated Bibliography	EHD: Ch 14	Adolescence Module 3 Due: **Friday**, Apr. 2nd by Midnight
11	Apr. 5	Middle Adulthood: Physical and Cognitive	EHD: Ch15	Annotated Bibliography Due: **Friday**, Apr. 9th by Midnight
12	Apr. 12	Middle Adulthood: Psychosocial	EHD: Ch 16	

13	Apr. 19	Late Adulthood: Physical and Cognitive	EHD: Ch 17 & 18	
14	Apr. 26	Late Adulthood: Psychosocial Death and Bereavement Workshop: Literature Review draft	EHD: Ch 19	Adulthood Module 4 Due: **Friday**, Apr. 30th by Midnight
15	May 3 – May 10	Finals Week Exam Period		Final Literature Review Due: **Monday**, May 3 by Midnight

Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary, with notification to students.

References and Resources:

Ochs, E., Kremer-Sadlik, T., Solomon, O., & Sirota, K. G. (2001). Inclusion as social practice: Views of children with autism. *Social Development*, *10*(3), 399-419. https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-9507.00172

Rogoff, B. (2016). Culture and participation: a paradigm shift. *Current Opinion in Psychology, 8,* 182–189. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.copsyc.2015.12.002

Suárez-Orozco, C., Gaytán, F. X., Bang, H. J., Pakes, J., O'connor, E., & Rhodes, J. (2010). Academic trajectories of newcomer immigrant youth. *Developmental Psychology*, *46*(3), 602-618. https://doi.org/10.1037/a0018201

Participation and Attendance Rubric

Distinguished 9-10 points	The student attends all classes, is on time, is prepared, and follows outlined procedures in case of absence. The student actively participates in all Discussion Board activities and assignments and are turned in on time. The student actively participates and supports the members of the learning group and the members of the class and submits reflections (interest and experience) and 3-5 well thought out discussion questions related to the readings for the session.
Proficient 8 points	The student attends all classes, is on time, is prepared, and follows outlined procedures in case of absence. The student actively participates in all Discussion Board activities and assignments and are turned in on time. The student makes some contributions to the learning group and class, and submits reflections (interest and experience) and 3-5 discussion questions
Basic 7 points	The student is on time, prepared for class, and participates in group and class discussions. The student actively participates in most Discussion Board activities and assignments and are turned in on time. The student attends all classes and if an absence occurs, the procedure outlined in this section of the syllabus is followed. Lacking detailed reflections (interest and experience) and less than 3 discussion questions are submitted and/or are submitted infrequently.
Unsatisfactory 6 points or less	The student is late for class. Absences are not documented by following the procedures outlined in this section of the syllabus. The student is not prepared for class and does not actively participate in discussions. Reflections and discussion questions are not submitted.
Note. These points add up to the total point value of the assignment.	

Review of the Literature Rubric

Criteria	Excellent	Adequate	Needs Significant Changes
Peer-Reviewed Research	Contains references to 10 or more empirical studies. Includes a methods section describing search strategies and inclusion criteria (5)	Contains references to 8-9 studies (4)	Does not include at least 7 peer reviewed studies (1-3)
APA style	No significant errors (3)	Contains few significant errors in style, reader can still interpret and appreciate the content of the paper (2)	Paper does not adhere to APA-Style format (1)
Abstract	Conveys clearly and sequentially the content of paper (5)	Gives a general overview of paper topic, but no sequential elaboration of contents (4)	Key information is not included in the summary, or abstract does not provide a clear representation of paper contents (3)
Discussion of the Literature	Insightful, and critical; clearly written, technical terms are well-defined, does not overly rely on quotes from papers or includes them strategically. (5)	Clearly written, most technical terms are defined, author includes lengthy quotes from papers, but less analytical or insightful (4)	Over reliance on quotations, little evidence of student's own analysis or synthesis of the topic (3)
Writing	Paper flows coherently, language is concise, thesis and discussion are well-structured, purpose of the paper is evident (4)	Paper adequately conveys the main points of the topic (3)	Errors in style format make it difficult to appreciate the content of this paper (1-2)
Technical Merit	Contains NO major misspellings nor repetitive grammatical mistakes (3)	Contains few major misspellings or repetitive grammatical mistakes (2)	Contains major misspellings and repetitive grammatical mistakes (1)
Interpretations	Insightful, original synthesis, goes beyond the scope of the literature (5)	Analytical, draws logical conclusions based upon evidence from literature (4)	Discussion mostly summarizes the main points of the literature to support conclusions (3)

Note. These points add up to the total point value of the assignment. 30 points are possible on the rubric.