

SOC 225: Sociology of Childhood and Adolescence

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Course Overview

The course provides an overview of the biological, cognitive and cultural aspects of childhood and adolescence. In order to understand sociological perspective of an individual's development in society, one must look at all aspects and factors associated with the child/youth and adolescent development, from peer and family relationships, to social and cultural changes, to the biological changes, particularly sex and sexuality, that adolescents go through as they age into adulthood. Socialization processes in the child and adolescent years are explored. The impact of social and cultural forces on adolescent issues and problems will be addresses throughout the course. This course fulfills the requirement for "Social Sciences" in the General Education Program (GEP).

GEP Category:	<i>Upon completing this requirement, students will be able to:</i>
Social Sciences	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Explain or apply major concepts, methods or theories used in the social sciences to investigate, analyze, or predict human behavior.2. Examine and explain how social, cultural, or political institutions influence individuals or groups.

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Define and apply sociological concepts, theories, and methods of inquiry to analyze children and adolescences and societal interactions.
2. Analyze the developmental structure with societal and cultural perspectives from historical context and current issues adolescences are facing.
3. Evaluate multiple dynamics of social and cultural development from a sociological perspective such as gender, race, class, and other factors impact adolescences' social behavior.
4. Apply critical thinking skills to examine and evaluate various aspects of childhood and adolescence phenomena as student construct written analyses of documentary and current events

Textbook (Required)

Christi Crosby Bergin and David Allen Bergin. *Child and Adolescent Development in your Classroom*. 2nd edition, Cengage.

Additional Course Materials

Certain course materials will be made available for download in Canvas

Grading

<i>Assignment 1</i>	20	A: 93-100, A- :90-92.99
<i>Assignment 2</i>	20	B+: 87-89.99, B: 83-86.99, B- : 80-82.99
<i>3 Exam</i>	<i>10 points each</i>	C+: 77-79.99, C: 73-76.99, C- : 70-72.99
<i>3 Discussions</i>	<i>10 points each</i>	D+: 67-69.99, D: 63-66.99, D- : 60-62.99
<i>Total</i>	<i>100</i>	F: 0.00 – 59.99

MAKE-UP WORK and Incompletes

Only proper documentation can be accepted as justification for make-up assignments (without late penalty), such as a doctor/coach/supervisor's note, a subpoena, etc. A simple self-narration of an emergency or a special occasion whether in oral or written forms, cannot be accepted as proper documentation and thus will not justify a make-up assignment. Late work will start from 50% of the grade.

ASSIGNMENTS

Assignment 1: Documentary Analysis (20%)

This 5 full text page minimum typed paper (double spaced, Times New Roman, 12 font, 1-inch margin) will analyze the documentary of "Poor kids" from Frontline <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/poor-kids/>. Students may need to find resources to support their arguments in the self-reflection section. Student will discuss:

1. Provide a very brief written summary/synopsis of the documentary
2. Which sociological theory "best" fits in this documentary (ex: functional, conflict, symbolic interaction, social learning theory, labeling theory, family systems theory, etc).
3. Self-reflection on the documentary.
4. What was your reaction? Why? Does it align with your socialization?
5. How does social class (ex: poverty) influence the wellbeing on childhood and/or adolescence?
6. What are other factors that may trigger poverty?
7. What are some ways to minimize stigma/stereotype on children/adolescence that are living in poverty?
8. What is privilege?
9. Reference(s) (separate page and excluded from the 5-pages)

Assignment 2: Current Event (20%)

This 6 full text page minimum typed paper (doubles paced, Times New Roman, 12 font, 1-inch margin) will analyze a current event about a social/cultural issue on children and/or adolescent. This issue should be between 2010 to present, at least 6 journal articles. Student will discuss:

1. Introduction: What is your topic? Why did you select this topic?
2. Which sociological theory "best" fits in this current event/issue (ex: functional, conflict, symbolic interaction, social learning theory, labeling theory, family systems theory, etc).
3. How does the current event portray childhood and/or adolescence?
4. Describe possible solutions for this current event/issue.
5. Conclusion
6. References (separate page and excluded from the 6-pages)

Discussions (30% at 10 % each)

There are 3 discussion posts, due according to the Course Outline by 11:59pm (see below). Be sure to answer the questions in an in-depth, well-thought-out manner. Each week discussion is worth 10 points. The main post(s) is 6 points and provide at least one reference to the course material (use APA or ASA reference style). Engage in on-going, productive conversation with minimum of two of your classmates (up to 4 points) throughout the week.

Exams (30% at 10% each)

There will be three exams, each worth 10 percent. The exams will draw questions from lecture materials, readings, discussions, and videos. Each exam will be due according to the Course Outline (see below) by 11:59pm and will only cover the chapters assigned in that week. Exam can include multiple-choice questions and some short-answer/essay questions.

Online Classroom Etiquette

The online classroom is a learning environment and community, and as such, it is expected that students do their best to minimize disruptions that can distract from their learning and that of their peers.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is central to the mission of this institution. Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated and will receive disciplinary sanctions per the UWSP policies. The UWSP policies regarding student academic standards and disciplinary procedures can be found here: <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Documents/RightsRespons/SRR-2010/rightsChap14.pdf>. Students can visit the UWSP Tutoring-Learning Center <http://www.uwsp.edu/tlc/Pages/writingReadingTutorials.aspx>

Diversity and Inclusion

UWSP supports an inclusive learning environment where diversity and individual differences are understood, respected, and appreciated. These differences include race/ethnicity, gender, class, political view, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, age, marital or family status, as well as personality, learning styles, and life experiences. We expect that students, faculty, administrators, and staff will respect differences and demonstrate diligence in understanding how other peoples' perspectives, behaviors, experiences, and worldviews may be different from their own.

Disability Support Services

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires educational institutions to provide reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. For more information about UWSP policies, go

to: <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Documents/RightsRespons/ADA/rightsADAPolicyinfo.pdf>. If you have a disability and require classroom and/or exam accommodations, please register with the Disability and Assistive Technology Center and then contact me at the beginning of the course. For more information, please visit the Disability and Assistive Technology Center, located on the 6th floor of the Learning Resource Center (the Library). You can also find more information here: <http://www4.uwsp.edu/special/disability>

COURSE OUTLINE

DATES	TOPICS	DUE DATES
Week 1 May 24-30	Introduction and Syllabus Newman Ch 1: The development through life perspective Newman Ch 2: Major theories for understanding human development Bergin Ch 2: Physical development and health Newman Ch 9: Early adolescence	Introduction post May 30 th at 11:59pm Discussion 1 May 30 th at 11:59pm Exam 1 May 30 th at 11:59pm
Week 2 June 1-6	Bergin Ch 6: Attachment and Personality Bergin Ch 7: Self-control and Discipline Bergin Ch 9: Social cognition Bergin Ch 10: Social Behavior	Discussion 2 June 6 th at 11:59pm Assignment 1 June 6 th at 11:59pm Exam 2 June 6 th at 11:59pm
Week 3 June 7-13	Bergin Ch 11: Peers, Friends, and Play Bergin Ch 12: Language and Literacy Bergin Ch 14: Family structure, child care, & media Newman Ch 10: Later adolescence	Discussion 3 June 13 th at 11:59pm Assignment 2 June 13 th at 11:59pm Exam 3 June 13 th at 11:59pm

Unforeseen circumstances may necessitate changes in the course requirements and/or schedules. Any changes will be announced in advance.

May 26th: Add/drop without W. June 1st: Last day to drop with W

Due dates at a glance:

Week 1 (May 24-30):

- Introduction post. Due May 30th at 11:59pm
- Discussion 1. Due May 30th at 11:59pm
- Exam 1. Due May 30th at 11:59pm

Week 2 (June 1-6):

- Discussion 2. Due. June 6th at 11:59pm
- Assignment 1. Due June 6th at 11:59pm
- Exam 2. Due June 6th at 11:59pm

Week 3 (June 7-13):

- Discussion 3. Due June 13th at 11:59pm
- Assignment 2. Due June 13th at 11:59pm
- Exam 3. Due June 13th at 11:59pm