

West Los Angeles College Child Development Syllabus

Child Growth and Development (CD 1)

(Section #0522)

(Fall 2013)

Recommendation to all CD students:	Take the assessment tests for English and Math
Pre-requisites:	There are no pre-requisites at this time but we strongly advise that students have passed at least English 28
Co-requisites:	None
Section #:	0522
Days/Hours:	MW - 8:00-9:25 am
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Required Text:	World of Children
Author:	Cook and Cook
Publisher: ISBN #	ISBN-10: 0205953735
Edition:	3rd
Supplemental Reading:	Article: Teaching Children Nonsense
Author:	Charles A. Smith and Duane E. Davis
Publisher:	Young Children Magazine, September 1976, pp. 438-447
Editions:	
Website Links:	

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Course Description:

This course examines the major developmental milestones for children, both typical and atypical, from conception through adolescence in the areas of physical, psychosocial, and cognitive. The course will emphasize interactions between maturational process and environmental factors. While studying developmental theory and investigating research methodologies, students will observe children, evaluate individual differences, and analyze characteristics of development at various stages.

West Los Angeles College Institutional Student Learning Outcomes

- A. Critical Thinking: Analyze problems by differentiating fact from opinions, using evidence, and using sound reasoning to specify multiple solutions and their consequences.
- B. Communication: Effectively communicate thought in a clear, well-organized manner to persuade, inform, and convey ideas in academic, work, and family and community settings.

West Los Angeles College Child Development Program Student Learning Outcomes

- 1. Understanding of Young Children: Practice and demonstrate an understanding of child development and their relationships with children and families to understand children as individuals and to plan responses to their unique needs and potential.
- 4. Promoting Child Development and Learning: Practice and demonstrate an understanding of how to promote children's cognitive, social, emotional, physical, and linguistic development by organizing and orchestrating the environment in ways that best facilitate the development and learning of young children.

WLAC College Child Development Course Specific SLO's Required by 24 unit Core Requirements for CSU's	Objectives and Activities to Demonstrate and Validate the Acquisition of the SLO's
<p style="text-align: center;">WLAC College Child Development Course Specific SLO's Required by 24 unit Core Requirements for CSU's</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analyze major developmental milestones for children from conception through adolescence in the areas of physical, psychosocial, cognitive, and language development using standard research Analyze methodologies. 2. Analyze how social, economic, political, historical and cultural contexts affect children's development. 3. Compare and contrast various theoretical frameworks that relate to the study of human development. 4. Using investigative research methodologies, apply developmental theory to analyze child observations, surveys, and/or interviews. 5. Differentiate characteristics of typical and atypical development at various stages. 6. Analyze the importance of the early years and the effects of interaction between maturational processes and environmental factors on various areas of development. 7. Analyze major developmental milestones for children from conception through adolescence in the areas of physical, psychosocial, cognitive, and language development using standard research methodologies. 8. Analyze how social, economic, political, historical and cultural contexts affect children's development. 9. Compare and contrast various theoretical frameworks that relate 	<p style="text-align: center;">Each semester the instructor will select 4-5 of the Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate knowledge of the physical, social, emotional, cognitive and language development of children, both typical and atypical, in major developmental periods. Activity: Exam 2. Examine and discuss various theories relating to human development. Activity: Observation 3. Investigate up-to-date research findings as they apply to child development. Activity: Research Paper 4. Investigate and explain sources of developmental change and reasons for disturbances in the developmental process. Activity: 5. Demonstrate knowledge of various research approaches to study the development of children. Activity: Observation 6. Examine and explain how bias can influence the research process. Activity: Exam 7. Demonstrate objective techniques and skills for interviewing families or school children. Activity: Interview 8. Demonstrate objective techniques and skills for observing and describing behavior in children of all ages, cultures, and backgrounds, and evaluating their similarities, differences, and developmental needs. Activity: Have students watch and respond to videos or U Tube clips 9. Investigate the importance of the early years and the effects of interaction between the individual and her/his environment on the developing brain. Activity: Research paper 10. Examine and explain the role of family in facilitating children's

<p>to the study of human development.</p> <p>10. Using investigative research methodologies, apply developmental theory to analyze child observations, surveys, and/ or interviews.</p> <p>11. Differentiate characteristics of typical and atypical development at various stages.</p> <p>12. Analyze the importance of the early years and the effects of interaction between maturational processes and environmental factors on various areas of development.</p>	<p>development. Activity: Small Group Role Playing</p> <p>11. Examine and explain the role of teachers and other professionals in facilitating children’s development. Activity: Small Group Role Playing</p> <p>12. Describe and explain the role of play and its relationship to development at various stages. Activity: Essay Exam or Small Group Skits</p> <p>13. Identify and describe factors that place children and youth at risk and may adversely influence development. Activity: Essay Exam</p> <p>14. Identify and describe special needs that impact a child’s development. Activity: Essay Exam</p>
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Course Specific SLO:	Evaluation:	Activity:
<p>Given a description of a child's observational anecdotal profile, analyze and determine the stage of development of the child in the four developmental domains: physical, social-emotional, cognitive, and linguistic stages of development. The student will demonstrate proficiency in this area as part of a required observational documentation project.</p>	<p>Assessment and Evaluation Process for SLO's:</p> <p>The student will be given a format and a rubric to assist with the criteria and expectations for evaluation.</p> <p>SLO#: Benchmark: 70% of the students will score acceptable or above.</p>	<p>Students will be offered a rubric of expectations for the course and a format for evaluation of learning. The format includes:</p> <p>One template formatted to demonstrate proficiency in observing development of children and to assess the learning of each student regarding the variety of behaviors that designate the domains of development.</p>

Supplemental Reading and Recommended Reading and Additional Links

Title:	Author:	Publisher:	Edition/Notes:
Why Love Matters: How affection shapes a baby's brain	Gerhardt, Sue	Brunner-Routledge	
A Child's Work: The importance of fantasy play	Paley, Vivian Gussin	University of Chicago Press	
The Inner World of Childhood	Wickes, Frances G.	Sigo Press	
The Power of Play:	Elkind, David, PhD	Da Capo Life Long	
Child and Adolescent Life Stories	Lodico, M. G. and Voegtle, K. H.	Sage Publications	

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Week:	Date:	Lecture Topics and Classroom Activities:	Outside Assignments:
1	8-27/8-29	Lecture Topic: Overview; Chapters 1 & 2. Class Activities: Discussion of course expectations	Assignment: Read Chpt 2 Due Date: 8-29
2	9-3/9-5	Lecture Topic: Lecture Chapter 2; Theories Class Activities: Discussion	Assignment: Read Chpt 3 Due Date: 9-5
3	9-10/9-12	Lecture Topic: Lecture Chapter 3 Class Activities: Discussion	Assignment: Read Chpt 4 Due Date: 9-12
4	9-17/9-19	Lecture Topic: Lecture Chapters 4-6 Class Activities: Test Chapters 1-3 (2-25)	Assignment: Read chpt. 5 Due Date: 9-19
5	9-24/9-26	Lecture Topic: Lecture Chapters 4-6 Class Activities: Film—Magda Gerber	Assign: film notes & Read chpt 6 Due Date: 9-26
6	10-1/10-3	Lecture Topic: Lecture Chapters 4-6 Class Activities: Discussion Exam Chpts.4-6 (3-13)	Assignment: Read chpt 6& 7 Due Date: 10-3
7	10-8/10-10	Lecture Topic: Lecture Chapters 7-9 Class Activities: Discussion;	Assignment: Read Chpt 8 Due Date: 10-10
8	10-15/10-17	Lecture Topic: Lecture Chapters 7-9 Class Activities: Discussion	Assignment: Read Chpts 8 &9 Due Date: 10-17

9	10-22/10-24	Lecture Topic: Lecture Chapters 7-9 Class Activities: Exam Chapters 7-9 (4-10); Handout: Observation & Crazy Makers	Assignment: Read Chpts 7-9 Due Date: 10-24
10	10-29/10-31	Lecture Topic: Lecture Chapters 10-12 Class Activities: Discussion	Assignment: Read Chpts 9& 10 Due Date: 10-31
11	11-5/11-7	Lecture Topic: Lecture Chapters 10-12 Class Activities: Lecture/Discussion	Assignment: read Chpt 10 Due Date: 11-7
12	11-12/11-14	Lecture Topic: Lecture Chapters 10-12 Class Activities: Exam Chpts 10-12	Assignment: Read Chpts 11-12 Due Date: 5-1 All Observations are due 11-14
13	11-19/11-21	Lecture Chpts 13-15 Class Activities: Discussion; Time Article; Karina Article	Assignment: Read Chpts 11-12 Handout: Time & Karina Article Due Date: 11-21
14	11-26/11-28	Lecture Topic: Lecture Adolescents Chpt 13-15 Class Activities: Discussion; Time Article; Karina Article	Assignment: Read Chpts 13-15 Due Date: 11-28
15	12-3/12-5	Lecture Topic: Lecture Chapters 13, 14 & 15 Class Activities: Discussion	Assignment: Read Chpts 13-15; Due Date: 12-5
16	12-10/12-12	Class Activities: Final Exam 8-10AM 12-12 Portfolio Due 12-10 Final Exam 12-12: Comprehensive exam	Portfolio due 12-10 Final Exam 12-12

All assignments for this course are listed and instructions are given to complete the task.

At the end of the semester make a copy of this page to submit to your instructor

Assignment:	Instructions:	Points:	Points Earned:	Due Date:
Exam chapters 1-3	Demonstration of knowledge of course material and lectures.	25		
Exam chapters 4-6	Demonstration of knowledge of course material and lectures.	25		
Exam chapters 7-9	Demonstration of knowledge of course material and lectures.	25		
Exam chapters 10-12	Demonstration of knowledge of course material and lectures.	25		
Final Exam comprehensive including chapters 13-15	Demonstration of knowledge of course material and lectures.	75		
Exploring <i>Crazy Makers</i> In our communication	Read article Teaching Children Non-Sense. Explore personal experiences of the 14 "Crazy Makers."	25		
Child Observation	Follow handout outline and capture behavior of children through field observation	25		
Small group activity, as appropriate.	Break out groups focus on topics and share written reflections and discussion	25		
Class attendance and participation in discussion	No more than 2 absences; regular participation in class discussions to demonstrate knowledge of course material and lectures.	25		
Portfolio	Inclusive of all assignments, activities, field notes, observations, exams, film notes, reflections, or research papers. Neat appearance and well ordered.	25		
Total Points:	300 points			

Course Grading System

COURSE GRADING:

5 Exams = 25 points each

Final= 75 points

Projects = 25 points each

Activities = 25 points each

Class attendance and Participation = 25 points

Portfolio = 25 points

All points will be tallied at the due date of the Portfolio and the final exam. Total points will be divided by the number of exams, projects, activities, plus portfolio and class participation. The total number will be equivalent to the grading scale below. Class attendance, tardiness, non-participation in discussion will be loss of points. Note that the school district does not recognize pluses (+) or minuses (-) on a grade. So a B+ will translate to a B on your transcript; encouragement for you to add the attendance & participation points.

Total Points 300

GRADING SCALE:

(100%- 90%) A 279-300pts -= 90-100% range or A

(89%- 80%) B 240-267pts = 80% range or B

(79%- 70%) C 210-237pts =70% range or C

(69%- 60%) D 180-209pts = 60% range or D

(Under 59%) F 179 & below

Course Evaluation and Requirements for Grading:

Expectations of Students for Appropriate Participation:

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- Class Activities: Class participation is mandatory. You will participate in a variety of activities throughout the semester. However, points will be assigned to five individual/group activities on assigned dates. All activities must be completed during class time. If you arrive late on a day when the class has already completed an activity, you will not receive credit for the work. It is imperative that you are regular in attendance and active in all classroom activities. There are no make-ups for class activities.
- Examinations: All exams will be given on the dates indicated. They may cover the assigned reading material, videos, class activities, and class lecture/discussions. Exams will be multiple choice, true/false, essay, or short answer. No make-up exams will be given.
- Readings: All chapters should be read during the week they are assigned.

College Attendance/Drop Policy:

- **Your attendance is mandatory.**
- **Roll is taken at the beginning of the class hour. If you are not present during roll you will be counted absent or late and points will be deducted.**
- **If you miss three class sessions, you will be excluded from class.**
- Last Day to drop a class without receiving a "W" September 6, 2013
- Last Day to drop a class to receive a "W" Nov 15, 2013
- It is the student's responsibility to:
 - Inform the instructor at the end of class of your late arrival.
 - Inform the instructor of personal/medical emergencies affecting your attendance.
 - Obtain information about missed classes from fellow students.
- It is the student's responsibility to officially drop this class if you stop attending.
- Use the buddy system: Exchange phone numbers with classmate.
- If you are absent the day any presentation is due you will lose the points for that assignment.
- You must be present to participate in the presentations of other students.

SIMPLE RULES OF CLASSROOM COURTESY:

- Arrive on time.
- Attend class regularly.
- Stay until class is over. If you leave early, it will be noted.
- Come to class prepared with appropriate reading and writing materials.
- Be respectful to your instructor and other classmates.
- Use appropriate language at all times.
- Do not bring food or drinks into the lab
- The classroom and class time is reserved for students enrolled in the class only
(No Guests Please!)

All communication devices (cell phones, pagers, etc.) should be turned off or silenced during class hours.

STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT:

The complete document can be found in the back of the schedule of classes.

The following is a brief list of behaviors that would be grounds for disciplinary action at WLAC according to the Standards of Student Conduct:

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- “Dishonesty, such as;
 - cheating,
 - knowingly furnishing false information to instructors and college personnel, turning in work that is not one’s own (plagiarism).
- “Obstruction or disruption of classes.”
- “Assault or battery, abuse, or any threat of force or violence directed to any member of the college community.”

CELL PHONE POLICY:

- Students may not use their cell phones to accept or make calls while in class.
- If cell phones and beepers are brought to class, they must be turned to silent or vibration mode.
- Students who do not adhere to this policy will be asked to leave the class. If it happens a second time, the student will be referred to the Vice President of Student Services, and will return to class only after the Vice President has cleared him/her to return.

CHEATING POLICY:

- Cheating constitutes academic dishonesty and in general will be handled as part of the course grading process. The penalty may range from no credit for assignment up to and including exclusion and/or an “F” grade for the course.

CHILDREN IN CLASS:

- By directives of Academic Affairs, students are not allowed to bring their children to class. Childcare arrangements need to be made outside of class time.



Keys to Student Success



Key 1: Attendance Policy:

It is the student’s responsibility to inform the instructor at the end of class if you arrive late, have personal/medical emergencies affecting your attendance, obtain information about missed classes from fellow students, and officially drop a class if you stop attending.

If you are having difficulty in meeting course deadlines or in understanding course materials, **you are expected** to discuss your situation with the instructor **before** it jeopardizes your grade for the course. Most problems can be solved or at least worked with, before they become serious.

Key 2: Drop Policy:

It is the student’s responsibility to process and official withdrawal from class.

Key 3: Withdrawal and/or Incomplete Policies:

College policy on withdrawals applies. Refer to the current West Los Angeles College Schedule of Classes for more detailed guidelines.

Key 4: Students with Special Needs:

Please inform the instructor during the first week of classes of any disability or special needs that you have that may require specific arrangements related to attending class sessions, carrying out class assignments, or writing paper examinations.

Key 5: Academic Honesty:

With the respect to the academic honesty of students, it is expected that all material submitted as part of any class exercise, in or out of class, is the actual work of the student whose name appears on the material or is properly documented otherwise. The concept of academic honesty includes plagiarism as well as receiving improper assistance. Students found to have engaged in academic dishonesty are subject to review as per college policy.

Key 6: Mutual Respect for the College Community and Relationships of Integrity and Honesty:

The West Los Angeles College faculty, staff, and administration are dedicated to maintaining an optimal learning environment and will not tolerate academic dishonesty.

Key 7: College Level Work Standards and Student Commitment:

All students are expected to produce college-level work. One of the goals of this class is to prepare students to be successful professionals. Part of having a successful image is the ability to produce neat, legible, coherent, and grammatically correct written materials. All of the written papers need to be **typed in a 12 point Times New Roman font**, double spaced, and have a 1" margin from all sides. All written papers will be evaluated for clarity, coherence, grammatical correctness, and reflectivity of the writer. It is strongly recommended that students have someone else proof read assignments prior to turning them in.

Key 7: College-Level Writing Requirements

Evaluation of student's work is based on college level standards of proficiency, which are set out in grading rubrics for most every assignment. Papers must be college-level and edited for spelling and grammar. Many assignments will also provide the opportunity for the student to complete a self-assessment.

Key 8: Communication is the Main Ingredient to Success:

If you are struggling with or have a question about any of the concepts that I am presenting in class please do not hesitate to talk to me about it. We can talk on the phone, you can fax me, e-mail me, meet during my office hours, or you can make an appointment. If you are an ESL student, or if you have any areas that you need assistance please contact me so that we can develop some strategies to help you make this a valuable learning experience.

Key 9: Academic, Professional, and Personal Development:

It is the intention of the WLAC Learning Community that each of our students will benefit from this academic experience by evolving and developing academically, professionally, and personally. This intention will require collaboration and cooperation from the student and the college learning community as we build a collaborative relationship.

Key 10: Graduation, Certificates, Transfer, and or Employment:

It is the intention of the WLAC College Community to support our students in achieving their goals and aspirations for their lives. Each student must take on the responsibility of keeping informed and on task with all the necessary requirements to fulfill their aspirations.