

Course: Human Development 374

Time: Tuesday 6pm until 8:50, The University Center

Professor: Dr. Bernice Strauss

Office Hours: Student Advising and Mentoring Center AB4 Room 210. I am there every day from 8am until at least 4pm.

Or by appointment at The University Center

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OBJECTIVES:

1. Students will learn about human development across the life span.
2. They will understand predictable challenges and rewards that typically characterize each developmental stage
3. They will also become familiar with atypical patterns of development.

GRADE:

1. There will be four multiple tests each accounting for 100 points for a total of 400.
2. Each student will be responsible for a project involving a minimum of 3 hours of observations/interviews with a specific population (three separate visits) for a total of 75 points
3. Students will keep a journal of their observations (a minimum of one typed page per visit) for a total of 75 points
4. Students will do a brief presentation (no more than 5 minutes) providing highlights of the experience for a total of 50 points.

Students can earn a total of 600 points and grades will be based on the following:

A= 540-600

B= 480-539

C= 420-479

D= 360-419

F= 000-359

Grades will be posted consistently on Blackboard and last minute discussion will not be entertained.

ATTENDANCE:

Your presence in class is required. Your comments and interaction with your colleagues contribute in a meaningful way to the entire learning experience.

DEMEANOR:

In order to maximize the learning experience students should behave in a respectful manor to the faculty member lecturing and also to other students. An environment conducive to learning is essential. Everyone should be able to ask questions and voice concerns and opinions.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings

against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials. For a complete listing of the university policy, see: <http://www.shsu.edu/administrative/faculty/sectionb.html#dishonesty>

STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS POLICY:

Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Section 51.911 (a) (2) defines a religious holy day as: "a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Section 11.20...." A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence.

University policy 861001 provides the procedures to be followed by the student and instructor. A student desiring to absent himself/herself from a scheduled class in order to observe (a) religious holy day(s) shall present to each instructor involved a written statement concerning the religious holy day(s). The instructor will complete a form notifying the student of a reasonable timeframe in which the missed assignments and/or examinations are to be completed. For a complete listing of the university policy, see: http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/documents/861001.pdf

NOTICE TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance are expected to visit with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Counseling Center. They should then make arrangements with their individual instructors so that appropriate strategies can be considered and helpful procedures can be developed to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired.

SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Counseling Center and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: No accommodation can be made until you register with the Counseling Center. No retroactive accommodation. Thank you.

For a complete listing of the university policy, see: http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/811006.html

VISITORS IN THE CLASSROOM:

Only registered students may attend class. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by the professor. In all cases, visitors must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. Students wishing to audit a class must apply to do so through the Registrar's Office.

August 26 Introductions and Chapter 1

September 2 Chapter 2

September 9 Chapter 3 and 4

September 16 Exam 1

September 23 Review Exam Results and Chapter 5
September 30 Chapter 6, Chapter 7
October 7 Chapter 8,
October 14 Exam 2
October 21 Review Exam Results and Chapter 9
October 28 Chapter 10
November 4 Chapter 11
November 11 Chapter 12
November 18 Exam 3
November 25 Review Exam Results and Chapter 14
December 2 Chapter 15 and Epilogue
December 9 Final Exam/Final Exam official exam date