A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

This seminar, for parents, teachers, community volunteers and others who have worked extensively with children, explores theories that have contributed to the process of developing normal, healthy children. The information targets emotional rather than physical health. Lectures and discussion relate specific theories of Erik Erickson, Jean Piaget, Lawrence Kohlberg, B.F. Skinner and others to examples of children’s behavior and parental responses. Prerequisite: Obtain and complete diagnostic test/or essay from the Teaching Center. Overlap: PSYC 308 Child Psychology and PSYC 102 Dynamics of Parent Child Relationships.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/01/1998 - 09/05/1999 09/06/1999 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Apply new knowledge to the interpretation of observed child behavior.
2. Critically evaluate major theories, issues and research findings in the field.
3. Identify major theories and research methods appropriate to the field of child psychology.
4. Understand diverse child-rearing practices, social expectations and cultural settings and their influences on physical, social and emotional development.
5. Understand major developmental concepts and issues such as maturation, intelligence and the influences of heredity and environment on development.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies

None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
3. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.
4. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

G. Special Information