

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK**

SW 514 and SW 515: Human Behavior and Social Environment I & II

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The Honor Statement

An essential feature of The University of Tennessee is a commitment to maintaining an atmosphere of intellectual integrity and academic honesty. As a student of the University, I pledge that I will neither knowingly give nor receive any inappropriate assistance in academic work, thus affirming my own personal commitment to honor and integrity. (*Hilltopics*, 2002).

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Course Description

This two-semester course examines the major social science theories that inform the social work profession's understanding of human behavior in social systems. An ecological/systems framework together with a developmental approach is used to provide an interactional understanding of human behavior. The course opens with an overview of ecological/systems theory, social constructionism, and critical theory with an introduction to the diversity perspective. Social systems are examined looking at community, organizations, groups, families, and individuals within both traditional and alternative perspectives. Social and economic influences that are addressed include poverty, racism, sexism, and homophobia. Development across the life span is conceptualized as the interplay between nature and nurture where biological and

psychosocial risks influence individual resiliency and environmental competence. A biopsychosocial perspective is used throughout the course to inform and examine the interaction between biological, social, psychological, and cultural systems.

HBSE I examines the life cycle, using an ecological perspective from, infancy through adolescence. HBSE II continues this examination from young adulthood through senescence. Both units consider the influence of different systems on the life cycle.

Course Rationale

The content in this course focuses on human behavior in communities, organizations, groups, families, and life span development in the context of social structures, such as race, ethnicity, social class and gender roles. Because no one theory is adequate to encompass the human experience, students need to understand the explanatory power of various theories of human behavior within an ecological/systems framework. An ability to both critique and apply theory is a precursor for professional assessments of clients and client situations, as a guide for interventions, and for increasing client empowerment in their environments.

Course Objectives

By completion of the course students are expected to be able to demonstrate (through course activities, assignments and/or exams):

1. Understanding and use a social systems/ecological framework to analyze human systems at different levels of organization from communities to individual, incorporating both micro and macro theories;
2. The ability to critique selected social theories from a diversity perspective;
3. The ability to compare historical and traditional perspectives of community and organizations with emerging alternative manifestations of community and organizations;
4. Knowledge of the similarities and differences in various types of family organization and their effects on the life course;
5. Knowledge of risk and protective factors in the development of resiliency across the lifespan;
6. The ability to identify the effects of ethnic, racial, cultural, economic, sexual orientation, and gender variables on individuals and families over the life span;
7. Knowledge of the interactive influence of biological, psychological, and social factors, including families, groups, organizations and communities, on human development and behavior;

8. Knowledge of the impact of environmental conditions such as class, poverty, oppression and discrimination on the promotion and inhibition of behavior and development.

Required Texts

Ashford, J.B., LeCroy, C.W. & Lortie, K.L. (2001). *Human Behavior in the Social Environment (2nd Ed.)*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.

Additional readings are on reserve in the library.

Course Requirements

Class sessions will be used to clarify and expand on assigned course readings. A variety of learning activities (e.g., student presentations, small group activities, class discussions, etc.) will be utilized to supplement the lectures and stimulate learning.

Students are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the assigned readings. Class participation is expected and the instructor reserves the right to give some weight, positive or negative, to classroom participation. Students are also expected to attend all classes.

Except in the case of a medical or personal emergency, a student who wishes an extension of time for a written assignment should consult the instructor in advance. However, an extension is not automatic and there may be a grade penalty (except in the case of an emergency).

Evaluation Procedures and Grades

The following scale will be used for the final course grade:

A+ = 96-100
A = 90-95
B+ = 86-89
B = 80-85
C+ = 76 - 79
C = 70 - 75
Below 70 = F

Personal Development Paper	30%
Mid-Term Exam	30%
Final Paper	30%
Class Participation	10%

Personal Development Paper: You will complete a paper that allows you to examine the impact of social systems on your own human growth and development. You will be given a handout which explains this assignment. Papers should be no longer than 10 pages in length. This paper is due on **October 2nd, 2002**.

Final Paper: Conduct an assessment on two children. The children must be at least three years apart in age and should differ from each other in one of the following categories: race, gender or socio-economic status. Each child's development will be assessed through implementation of various theoretical models of development presented within the course. The paper should also critically assess the utility of these theories from an ecological/systems framework. A handout will be provided to assist with this assignment.

Papers must be typed, double-spaced and conform to **APA format** (4th ed.). Papers should be no longer than 12 pages (excluding references). Papers are due on **November 28, 2001**.

****Social Security numbers should be used in place of names on all assignments.**

Course Outline

Week	Date	Topic/Readings
1	8/21	Course overview/introduction, assignments, & student expectations
2	8/28	Ecological model& Diversity Perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text – Chapter #1 A Multidimensional Framework for Assessing Social Functioning. • Garbarino, J. (1992). Chapter 2: The ecology of human development, <u>Children and Families in the Social Environment</u> (2nd ed., ppl 11-33) • Longres, J.F. (2000). <i>Human Behavior in the Social Environment</i> (3rd Ed.) – Chapter 1-3 pp. 3-67. F.E. Peacock: Itasca: IL. • Appleby, G.A. (2001) Framework for practice with diverse and oppressed clients. 1-15. In <i>Diversity, Oppression, and Social Functioning Person-in-Environment Assessment and Intervention</i>. Boston: Allyn & Bacon
3	9/4	Family Systems Theory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agbayani-Siewert, P. (1994). Filipino American culture and family: Guidelines for practioners. <i>Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Human Services</i>, 75,7, 429-438. • Carter, B. & McGoldrick, M. (1989). Ethnicity and the family life cyclcy. In <i>The Changing Family Life Cycle: A Framework for Family Therapy</i> (2nd Ed., pp. 69-90). Boston: Ally and Bacon. • Greene, R. & Frankel, K. (1994). A systems approach: Addressing diverse family forms. In R. Greene (Ed.) <i>Human Behavior Theory: A Diversity Framework</i>. (pp. 147-171). • Mayo, Y. "Machismo, fatherhood and the Latino family: Understanding the concept." 1997. <u>Journal of Multicultural Social Work</u>,5, 49-61.
4	9/11	Resiliency Theory & Strengths Perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garbarino, J. (1992). Chapter 3: Sociocultural risk and opportunity, and Chapter 10: Social Policy, children and their families, <u>Children and Families in the Social Environment</u> (2nd ed., pp 35-70 and pp. 274-302). • Saleebey, D. (1997). Introduction: Power in the people. In. D. Saleeby (Ed.). <i>The Strengths Perspective in Social Work Practice</i> (2nd Ed.). New York: Longman. • Blundo, R. (2001). Learning strengths-based practice: Challenging our personal and professional frames. <u>Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Human Services</u>, 82,3,

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- 296-304.
- Early, T.J. & GlenMaye, L.F. (2000). Valuing families: Social work practice with families from a strengths perspective. *Social Work*, 45,2, 118-130.
- 5 9/18 Biophysical Theories of Development
- Text – Chp.#2
 - Goleman, D. (1995). Chapter 2: Anatomy of an emotional hijacking. In D. Goleman, Emotional Intelligence (pp. 13-29). New York: Bantam Books.
 - Ratey, John, MD. (2001). Chapter 1: Development. In John Ratey, MD, *A User's Guide to the Brain: Perception, Attention and the Four Theaters of the Brain*, (pp. 14-47).
- 6 9/25 Psychodynamic Theories
- Text – Chp. #3
 - Gilligan, C. (1982). Chapter 1: Woman's Place in Man's Life Cycle. In C. Gilligan, In a Different Voice: Psychological Theory and Women's Development, pp. 5-23.
 - Corey, G. (1991). Psychoanalytic therapy. In *Theory and Practice of Counseling and Psychotherapy 4th ed.* (pp. 94-132) Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole.
- 7 10/2 Behavioral and Social Learning Theories
- Thyer, B.A. (1994). Social learning theory: Empirical application to culturally diverse practice. In R.R. Greene, *Human Behavior Theory: A Diversity Framework (3rd ed., pp. 424-459)*. Itasca, IL: Peacock Publishers.
 - Walker, D., Greenwood, C.R. & Terry, B. (1994). Management of classroom disruptive behavior and academic problems. In L.W. Craighead et al. (Eds.) *Cognitive and Behavioral Interventions: An Empirical Approach to Mental Health Problems*. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.
 - Corey, G. (1991). Behavior therapy. In *Theory and Practice of Counseling and Psychotherapy 4th ed.* (pp. 288-320) Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole.
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- 8 10/09 Social Dimensions of the Human Experience
- Text -- Chapter #4, pp. 113-151
 - Goodwin, R. & Tang, C.S.K. (1996). Chinese personal relationships. In M.H. Bond (Ed.) *The Handbook of Chinese Psychology*. Oxford University Press: Hong Kong.
 - Winfree, L.T., Backstrom, T.V. & Mays, G.L. (1994). Social learning theory, self-reported delinquency, and youth gangs: A
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- new twist on a general theory of crime and delinquency. *Youth & Society*, 26,2, 147-177.
- Corey, G. (1991). Case Illustration: Comparison of Approaches. In *Theory and Practice of Counseling and Psychotherapy 4th ed.* (pp. 395-423) Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole.
- 9 10/16 Mid-term
- 10 10/23 Pregnancy, Birth & the Newborn
- Text – Chp. #5
 - Siefert, K. & Pimlott, S. (2001). Improving pregnancy outcome during imprisonment: A model residential care program. *Social Work*,46,2, 125-134.
 - Karr-Morse, Robin and Wiley, Meredith S. (1997). Chapter 4: Love's Labor Lost: Adverse Experiences in the Womb and at Birth, in Ghosts from the Nursery: Tracing the Roots of Violence, pp. 83-97. New York: The Atlantic Monthly Press.
 - Zambrana, R.E., Ell, K., Dorrington, C., Wachsman, L. & Hodge, D. (1994). The relationship between psychosocial status of immigrant Latino mothers and use of emergency pediatric services. *Health and Social Work*, 19,2, 93-102.
 - Ambert, Anne-Marie (1998) Poverty undermines genetic potential. In Anne-Marie Ambert *The Web of Poverty: Psychosocial Perspectives* Binghamton: Haworth Press
- 11 10/30 Infancy
- Text – Chp. #6
 - Marino, R., Weinman, M.L. & Soudelier, K. (2001). Social work intervention and failure to thrive in infants and children. *Health and Social Work*, 26,2, 90-97.
 - Sherraden, M.S. & Barrera, R.E. (1996). Poverty, family support, and well-being of infants: Mexican immigrant women and childbearing. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, XXIII,2, 27-51.
 - Karr-Morse, Robin and Wiley, Meredith S. (1997). Chapter 8: The Hand That Rocks: The Impact of Early Emotional Deprivation, in Ghosts from the Nursery: Tracing the Roots of Violence, pp. 175-219. New York: The Atlantic Monthly Press.
- 12 11/6 Early Childhood
- Text – Chp. #7
 - Grizenko, N. & Fisher, C. (1992). Review of studies of risk and
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- protective factors for psychopathology in children. *Canadian Journal of Psychiatry*, 37, 711-721.
- Patterson, C.J. (1992). Children of lesbian and gay parents. *Child Development*, 63, 1025-1042.
 - Partida, J. (1996). The effects of immigration on children in the Mexican-American community. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 13,3, 241-254.
- 13 11/13 Middle Childhood
- Text – Chp. #8
 - Davies, Douglas. (1999). Chapter 10: Middle Childhood Development and Chapter 11: Practice with School-Age Children, in *Child Development: A Practitioner's Guide*, pp. 293-340 and pp. 341-365. New York: The Guilford Press.
- 14 11/20 Adolescence
- Text – Chp. #9
 - Berger, R.J. (1989). Female delinquency in the emancipation era: A review of the literature. *Sex Roles*, 21, 375-399.
 - Robinson, K.E. (1994). Addressing the needs of gay and lesbian students: The school counselor's role. *The School Counselor*, 41, 326-332.
 - Sullivan, T.R. (1996). The challenge of HIV prevention among high-risk adolescents. *Health and Social Work*, 21,1, 58-65.
 - Jessor, R. (1992). Risk behavior in adolescence: A psychosocial framework for understanding action. *Developmental Review*, 12, 374-390.
- 15 11/27 No class-Thanksgiving tomorrow!
- 16 12/4 Putting it all together: Developmental Assessment and Intervention
Development in Children's Drawings
Course Review and Evaluations
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Additional Readings

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Bryant, N. (1994). Domestic violence and group treatment for male batterers. *Group*, 18(4), 235-242.

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Day, C. (1993) The organized elderly: Perilions, Powerless, or Progressive? The Gerontologist 33 (3), 426-427.

Depoy, E. & Noble, S. (1992). The structure of Lesbian Relationships in Response to Oppression: Affilia 7 (4), 49-64.

Garbarino, J. (1992). Children and families in the social environment. New York: Aldine De Gruyter.

Harrigan, M. & Farmer, R. (1992) The Myths and Facts of Aging. In R.S. Schneider and N. Kript (eds.) Gerontological Social Work. Chicago: Nelson-Hall.

Hasenfeld, Y. Ed. (1992). Human services As complex organizations. Newbury Park: Sage Publications, Chapters 1-2.

Healey, K. & Smith, C. (1998). The causes of domestic violence: From theory to intervention. In Healey & Smith, Batterer intervention: Program approaches and criminal justice strategies, (chapter 2), pp. 15-31. National Institute of Justice: Washington D.C.

Heilbroner, R. & Thurow, L. (1994). Economic Explained: Everything you need to know about how the economy works and where it's going. New York: Simon & Schuster.

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Hooyman, N.R., & Kiyak, H.A. (1993). Social Gerontology: A Multidisciplinary perspective, (3rd ed.). Boston: Allyn & Bacon. Chapter 4, Social theories of aging, pp. 64-83.

Hunter, S., & Sundel, M. (1989). Midlife myths: Issues, Findings, and practice implications. Newbury Park, CA: Sage. Introduction: An examination of key issues concerning midlife.

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Maxmen, J. S., & Ward, N. G. (1995). *Essential Psychopathology and Its Treatment*. New York: W. W. Norton & Co.

Meyer, D. and Bartolomeir-Hill, S. (1994) The adequacy of Supplemental Security Income Benefits for Aged Individuals and Couples. The Gerontologist, 34 (2) 161-172.

Midgley, J. (1994). The challenge of social development: Their Third World and ours. Social Development Issues. 16(2), pp.1-12.

Mindel, C.H. (1985). The elderly in minority families. In B.B. Hess & E. W. Markson (Eds.) *Growing old in America: New perspectives on old age*, (pp 369-386. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Books.

Moen, P. (1991). Transition in Mid-Life: Women's Work and Family Roles in the 1970's. Journal of Marriage and the Family, 53, 135-150.

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White, D.W., & Woollett, A. (1992). Families: A context for development. London: Falmer. Chapter 7, The family in transition: Single parenting, family breakup and reconstituted families, pp. 103-120.

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