

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

SW 514 and SW 515: Human Behavior and Social Environment I & II  
Course Outline  
Fall Semester 2005 - SW 514

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**Required Text**

Ashford, J.B., LeCroy, C.W. & Lortie, K.L. (2006). *Human Behavior in the Social Environment* (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.

Additional readings are on reserve in the library.

**Course Requirements**

We will conduct the class in a seminar fashion, which means students will be expected to fully participate in the learning process. Seminars include a range of learning activities (i.e., discussions, audiovisuals, student presentations and small group activities) to supplement the lectures and stimulate learning.

Students are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the assigned readings. Class participation from all students is expected. 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 me in at least a week in advance of the due date. 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 = 93-100  
B+ = 92-88  
B = 80-87  
C+ = 74 - 79  
C = 70-73  
Below 70 = D

Mid-term exam

25%

Weekly Critical Thought Papers	20%
Group Presentation	20%
Assessment Paper	25%
Assessment Discussion	5%
Class Participation	5%

Critical Thought Papers: These assignments are your opportunity to develop ideas for your group presentation, make progress on your final assessment paper, to demonstrate your understanding of class material; and to improve your writing skills. I provide copious feedback, and I have high expectations. A handout will be provided to assist with this assignment.

Assessment Paper: Conduct a self-assessment at different development ages (i.e., infant, child, adolescent) using the various theories and frameworks presented in class, and critically assess the utility of these theories and frameworks in explaining your development. A handout will be provided to assist with this assignment.

All papers must be typed, double-spaced and conform to **APA format** (4<sup>th</sup> ed.). An APA manual is on reserve at the library and you can link to APA formatting on the Social Work Library Webpage.

Group Presentation: Identify a specific issue, or condition (i.e., biological, psychological or social) that empirical research or development theory has consistently associated with a particular life stage. Presentations should be imaginative and creative. Develop a Power Point presentation that includes:

1. An overview of the issue or condition
  - A. define and describe the issue or condition
  - B. discuss demographics and etiology
2. Social and developmental theories
  - A. identify a theory or theories most useful in understanding issue or condition
  - B. discuss the application of these underlying theoretical assumptions in issue or condition
3. The consequences, effects, or impact of issue or condition
  - A. identify the potential bio-psychosocial manifestations of issue or condition on developmental and behavioral outcomes
  - B. link potential individual outcomes to family and community systems
4. Cultural and diversity perspectives of this issue of condition
  - A. compare and contrast issue or condition between two different cultures or ethnic groups in the U.S.
  - B. discuss implications for treatment with the two different groups.

Group presentations should be between 30-35 minutes in length. Presenters should be prepared for a 10-15 minute question and answer period.

## Course Outline

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Week	Date	Topic/Readings
1	8/29	Course overview/introduction, assignments, Theoretical Frameworks & Paradigms and Social Work Values/Ethics and Human Behavior <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Text – Chp.#1</li></ul>
2	9/12	The Psychological Dimension Influence on Human Development and Behavior <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Text – Chapter #3</li></ul> Goldstein, E. G. (2002). Psychoanalysis and social work: Historical perspectives. <i>Psychoanalytic Social Work</i> , 9, 2, 33-40  Thyer, B.A. (1994). Social learning theory: Empirical application to culturally diverse practice. In R.R. Greene, <i>Human Behavior Theory: A Diversity Framework (3<sup>rd</sup> ed., pp. 424-459)</i> . 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.) <i>Cognitive and Behavioral Interventions: An Empirical Approach to Mental Health Problems</i> . Boston: Allyn and Bacon.  Winfree, L.T., Backstrom, T.V. & Mays, G.L. (1994). Social learning theory, self-reported delinquency, and youth gangs: A new twist on a general theory of crime and delinquency. <i>Youth &amp; Society</i> , 26,2, 147-177.
3	9/19 Paper	The Social, Ecological, Social Systems & Diversity Perspectives Dimension Influence on Human Development and Behavior <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Text, Chapter 4</li></ul> 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.  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).  Freeman, E. M. (1990). The Black family's life cycle: Operationalilzing a strengths perspective. In S. M. Logan, E.M. Freeman, & R. G. McRoy (Eds.), <i>Social Work Practice with Black Families: A Culturally specific perspective</i> (pp.55-72). New York: Longman.  Longres, J.F. (2000). <i>Human Behavior in the Social Environment (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.) – Chapter 1-3 pp. 3-67</i> . F.E. Peacock: Itasca: IL.

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4      9/26      Resiliency Theory & Strengths Perspective Influence on Human Development and  
Paper      Behavior

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5      10/3      The Biophysical Influence on Human Development and Behavior  
Paper

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Burr, C. (1993). Homosexuality and biology. *The Atlantic Monthly*, March, 47-65.

Gallagher, W. (1994). How we become what we are. *The Atlantic Monthly*, September, 39-55.

Schnittker, J. Freese, J. & Powell, B. (2000). Nature, nurture, either, nor: Black-White differences in beliefs about the causes and appropriate treatment of mental illness. *Social Forces*, 78, 3, 1101-1132

Saleebey, D. (1992). Biology's challenge to social work: Embodying the person-in-environment perspective. *Social Work*, 37, 2, 112-118

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Tanner, E. & Finn-Stevenson, M. (2002). Nutrition & brain development: Social policy implications. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 72, 2, 182-193.

6 10/10 Mid-term Exam

7 10/17 Pregnancy, Birth & the Newborn/Student Presentation

Paper • Text – Chp. #5

Siefert, K. & Pimlott, S. (2001). Improving pregnancy outcome during imprisonment: A model residential care program. *Social Work*, 46, 2, 125-134.

Mayo, Y. "Machismo, fatherhood and the Latino family: Understanding the concept." 1997. *Journal of Multicultural Social Work*, 5, 49-61.

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.

8 10/24 Infancy / Student Presentation

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9 10/31 Early Childhood / Student Presentation

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Grizenko, N. & Fisher, C. (1992). Review of studies of risk and protective factors for psychopathology in children. *Canadian Journal of Psychiatry*, 37, 711-721.

Partida, J. (1996). The effects of immigration on children in the Mexican-American community. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 13, 3, 241-254.

10 11/7 Middle Childhood / Student Presentation

• Text – Chp. #8

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11 11/14 Adolescence / Student Presentation

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Jessor, R. (1992). Risk behavior in adolescence: A psychosocial framework for understanding action. *Developmental Review*, 12, 374-390.

Blum, R. W., NcNeely, C., & Nonnemaker, J. (2002). Vulnerability, risk, and protection. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 31S, 29-39. Complete student presentations & course review

12 11/21 Assessment Assignment Interviews

13 11/28 Complete Student Presentations, Assessment Due, Assessment Discussions

14 12/5 Course Review

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#### Additional Readings

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Bogolub, E. (1991) Women and Mid-Life Divorces: Some Practice Issues. Social Work, 36 (5), 428-433.

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

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