

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

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

Spring Semester 2004 – SW 514 – Section # 02916 – Beale Bldg, RM 202

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**COURSE EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS**

1. Students are expected to attend all class sessions and to arrive on time, unless the student has notified the instructor in advance.
2. Students are expected to complete all assigned readings before coming to class.
3. Students are expected to complete and submit assignments on time within the guidelines provided.
4. Students should use the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, (5<sup>th</sup> edition), as a guide for writing papers and citing sources. Assignments are to be typed, double-spaced and use inclusive language.
5. Students are expected to offer the instructor clear, constructive feedback on the class.

**STUDENT EVALUATION:**

**GRADING SCALE:**

Attendance/In-Class Activities	10%	A = 100-93%
Group Presentation	20%	B+ = 92-88%
Mid-Term Exam	20%	B = 87-80%
Case Paper	30 %	C+ = 79-74%
Case Discussion	<u>20%</u>	C = 73-70%
	100%	D = < 70%

The evaluation of student competencies will be based on: a) in-class skill building and knowledge acquisition activities, b)group presentation, c) mid-term exam, d) case paper, and d) case discussion.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:**

**In-Class Activities:**

All students are expected to participate in small group and discussion activities designed to develop or reinforce social work knowledge, assessment skills, and values.

## Group Project

From an assigned life stage, identify a specific issue, or condition, i.e. biological, psychological, or social, that empirical research or developmental theory has consistently associated with the life stage. Develop a presentation that includes:

- A. An overview of the issue or condition
  1. define and describe the issue or condition; and
  2. discuss demographics and etiology.
- B. The consequences, effects, or impact of issue, or condition
  1. identify the potential bio-psychosocial manifestations of task, issue, or condition on developmental and behavioral outcomes; and
  2. link potential individual outcomes to family and community systems.
- C. Social and developmental theories
  1. discuss the underlying relationship between individuals in the assigned life stage and factors that put them at risk for the identified issue or condition.

**NOTE:** Presentations are limited to 15 minutes not including Q & A; content presented must be cited (referenced); and each group is required to submit an outline, so that students can be graded independently based on content presented.

**\*Mid-Term Examination:** In class mid-term exam will be given during session 7. The in-class exam will include the following areas: multidimensional approach to eco-systemic assessment, strengths-based perspective, constructionist approach to diversity, micro and macro theories, and resiliency. Exam format will be multiple choice.

**\*Case Paper:** Case Paper is due by the end of session 13

**\*Case Discussion:** Case discussions will occur during sessions 13, 14, and 15.

\* While additional details regarding these course requirements will be reviewed in-class, specific instructions for Case Paper/Discussion can be accessed OnLine @UT under Assignments.

## REQUIRED TEXT:

Ashford, J. B., LeCroy, C. W., & Lortie, K. L. (2001). Human behavior in the social environment: A multidimensional perspective (2nd.ed.). Pacific Grove, CA.: Brooks/Cole.

## COURSE CALENDAR, TOPICAL OUTLINE, AND READINGS :

<b>Session 1</b> 1/13/04	Overview of the course HBSE in the social work curriculum
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Theoretical Frameworks (Paradigms) and Social Work Values/Ethics

**Readings:**

Blundo, R., Greene, R. R., & Gallant, P. (1994). A constructionist approach with diverse populations. In R. R. Greene, Human behavior theory: A diversity framework, (pp. 115-132). New York: Aldine deGruyter.

Discussion: Principles of Ethical Decision-Making and the Constructionist's Approach to Practice

**Session 2** Ecological, Social systems & Diversity Perspectives  
1/20/04

**Readings:** Ashford, LeCroy & Lortie; Chapter 1

Greene, R. R., (1994). A diversity framework for human development. In R. R. Greene, Human behavior theory: A diversity framework, ( pp.19-33). New York: Aldine deGruyter. Disenfranchised and Oppressed Populations/Communities

**Session 3** Resiliency Theory  
1/27/04 Risks and Protective Factors  
Strengths Perspective  
Organizational Theories  
Systems Theory  
Chaos/Complexity Theories

**Readings:**

Saleebey, D. (1996). The strengths perspective in social work practice: Extensions and Cautions. Social Work, 41(3), 296-305.

Masten, A. S. (1998). The development of competence in favorable and unfavorable environments: Lessons from research on successful children. American Psychologist, 53(2), 205-220.

Delgado, M. & Barton, K. (1998). Murals in Latino communities: Social indicators of community strength. Social Work, 43(4), 346-356.

McKnight, J. L. (1997). A 21<sup>st</sup> century map for healthy communities and families. Families in Society, 78(2), 117-127.

Hardcastle, D. A., Wenocur, S. & Powers, P. R. (1997). Theories for Community Practice by direct service practitioners. In David A. Hardcastle, Stanley Wenocur, & Patricia R. Powers, Community practice: theories and skills for social workers, pp.37-57. New York: Oxford University Press.

Weick, A., & Pope, L. (1988). Knowing what's best: A new look at self-determination. Social Casework, 69, 10-16.

Discussion: Self-Determination, Strengths Perspective, and Problem/Issue Identification

**Session 4** Families as Systems  
2/3/04 Models for understanding Family Systems  
Race & Ethnicity in Family Systems  
Gender & Social Class in Family Systems

**Readings:** Ashford, LeCroy & Lortie, Chapters 4 & 11

Freeman, E. M. (1990). The Black family's life cycle: Operationalizing a strengths perspective. In S. M. L. Logan, E. M. Freeman, & R. G. McRoy (Eds.), Social work practice with Black families: A culturally specific perspective, (pp.55-72). New York: Longman.

Large Group Activity: Do values differ or are values manifest differently?

**Group Project Topic Due!!!!**

**Session 5** Individual as a System - Developmental Theories  
2/10/04 Psychological Dimensions  
Stage Theories  
Social Learning Theories

**Readings:** Ashford, LeCory, & Lortie, Chapter 3

**Session 6** Individual as a System - Biophysical Dimension: Heredity & Biological Factors  
2/17/04

**Readings:** Asford, LeCory, Lortie, Chapter 2

Gallagher, W. (1994). How we become what we are. *The Atlantic Monthly*, Sept., 33-55.

**Session 7**  
2/24/04

**Mid-Term Exam -----In Class**

**Session 8** The Life Cycle: Pregnancy, the Newborn, and First Years  
3/2/04 Fertility Issues  
Early Infant Development  
Cognitive & Physical Development  
Attachment & Bonding  
Environmental Factors

**Readings:** Ashford, LeCory, & Lortie, Chapters 5 & 6

VIDEOS: *Great Expectations and Labor of Love*

Small Group Activity: What do you know about your own early development?

**3/9/04 SPRING BREAK**

**Session 9**  
3/16/04                      The Life Cycle: Pre-School  
                                    Language and Cultural Development  
                                    Gender Identity  
                                    Cognitive & Physical Development  
                                    Parenting Styles

**Readings:**              Ashford, LeCory, & Lortie, Chapter 7

Kirby, L. D. & Fraser, M. W. (1997). Risk and Resilience in Childhood. In M. W. Fraser (Eds.) Risk and resilience in childhood: An ecological perspective,(pp.10-33). Washington, DC: NASW.

VIDEO: *Childhood: In the Land of the Giants*

**Session 10**  
3/23/04                      The Life Cycle: Middle Childhood  
                                    Socialization and Community Resources: School & Economic Factors  
                                    Learning and Moral Development  
                                    Cognitive & Physical Development

**Readings:**              Ashford, LeCory, & Lortie, Chapter 8

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

Reimer, M. S. (2002). Gender, risk, and resilience in the middle school context. Children and Schools, 24(1), 35-47.

VIDEO: *Childhood: Life's Lessons, and Among Equals*

**Session 11**  
3/30/04                      The Life Cycle: Early Adolescence  
                                    Moral, Cognitive, & Physical Development  
                                    Identity Formation  
                                    Autonomy v. Attachment  
                                    Parenting Styles

**Readings:**              Ashford, LeCory, & Lortie, Chapter 9

Poston, Carlos, W. S., (1990). The biracial identity development model: A needed addition. Journal of Counseling and Development, 69, 152-155.

Baumrind, D. (1991). Parenting Styles and Adolescent Development. The Encyclopedia of Adolescence. Garland Publishing.

Giordano, P. C., Cernkovich, S. A., & DeMaris, A. (1993). The family and peer relations of Black adolescents. Journal of Marriage and the Family 55, 277-287.

Brown, B. B. (1996). Visibility, vulnerability, development, and context: Ingredients for a fuller understanding of peer rejection in adolescence. Journal of Early Adolescence, 16(1), 27-36.

Burgess, C. (1999). Internal and external stress factors associated with the identity development of transgendered youth. Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services, 10(3/4), 35-47.

VIDEO: *Normal Pubertal Growth and Maturation*

Small Group Activity: Bickering and parenting styles: impact on social functioning

**Session 12** Middle & Late Adolescence  
4/6/04 Peer & Family Relations  
Academic Achievement  
Risky Behaviors  
Chronic Physical Conditions

**Readings:** Ashford, LeCory, & Lortie, Chapter 10

Eamon, M. K. (2002). Effects of poverty on mathematics and reading achievement of young adolescents. The Journal of Early Adolescence, 22(1), 49-74.

Dempsey, D. L. (1994). Health and social issues of gay, lesbian and bisexual adolescents. Families in Society, 75(3), 160-167.

Resnick, M. D., Bearman, P. S., Blum, R. Wm. et al., (1997). Protecting Adolescents from harm: Findings from the national longitudinal study on adolescent health. Journal of American Medical Association, 278(10), 823-832.

Roberts, C. S., Turney, M. E., and Knowles, A. M. (1998). Psychosocial Issues of Adolescents with Cancer. Social Work in Health Care, 27(4), 3-18.

**Session 13** Case Papers Due !!!!!!!!!!!!!

4/13/04 Case Discussion

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**Session 14**  
4/20/04 Case Discussion

**Session 15**  
4/27/04

Wrap – Up



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Journal, 16, 37-39.

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