

# CHFD307

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## Course Summary

**Course :** CHFD307 **Title :** Child and Adolescent Development

**Length of Course :** 8

**Prerequisites :** N/A **Credit Hours :** 3

## Description

**Course Description:** This course is a study of theories, research and practical interventions concerning the psychological development of the child from conception to puberty. Course content focuses on biological, intellectual, emotional and social development, and the dynamics of family, peer, school and other environmental influences.

### Course Scope:

This course examines psychological aspects of growth and development in early and middle childhood including theories of child psychology and intervention applications utilized in the support of childhood psychological health and wellbeing.

## Objectives

**Institutional  
Learning  
Objectives**

**Program Objectives**

**Course Objectives**

Specialized Knowledge	Describe the scope and principal theories of early childhood care and education.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Identify the basic theories of child psychology.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Describe theories relating to the normal development of language in children and speech pathology.</b></li> <li>3. <b>Discuss and identify heredity, stages, as well as growth and emotional phases of child psychology.</b></li> </ol>
Broad, Integrative Knowledge	Describe how existing knowledge and practice in early childhood care and education is tested and revised.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. <b>Describe research methods in child psychology.</b></li> </ol>
Intellectual Skills	Use appropriate research documents on early childhood care and education, and cite appropriately.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Describe an important aspect of childhood or adolescence that causes or affects developmental difficulties.</li> </ol>
Applied Learning	Demonstrate the ability to apply concepts learned in the classroom to real-life settings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Demonstrate the ability to conceptualize a variety of interventions designed to assist children or adolescents deal with developmental difficulties.</li> </ol>
Civic Learning	Describe his/her own cultural background and how this background has influenced his/her own beliefs, and practices in the field of child development and family studies.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Describe the resources available in the community to help children and adolescents overcome developmental difficulties.</li> </ol>

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## Outline

### Week 1:

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#### Required Readings

Required readings can be found under the Lessons Tab under Course Materials or under the specific Lesson for the week.

#### Assignments

### Forum 1

## **Week 2:**

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### Assignments

## **Forum 2**

## **Week 3:**

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### Required Readings

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### Assignments

## **Forum 3**

## **Assignment 1 (due 11:59 PM, Sunday EST)**

## **Week 4:**

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### Required Readings

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### Assignments

## **Forum 4**

## **Week 5:**

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### Required Readings

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### Assignments

## **Forum 5**

## **Week 6:**

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### Required Readings

Required readings can be found under the Lessons Tab under Course Materials or under the specific Lesson for the week.

### Assignments

## Forum 6

### Assignment 2 (due 11:59 PM Sunday, EST)

#### Week 7:

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##### Required Readings

Required readings can be found under the Lessons Tab under Course Materials or under the specific Lesson for the week.

##### Assignments

## Forum 7

#### Week 8:

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##### Required Readings

Required readings can be found under the Lessons Tab under Course Materials or under the specific Lesson for the week.

##### Assignments

## Forum 8

### Assignment 3 (due 11:59 PM Sunday, EST)

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## Evaluation

### READINGS AND WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS:

Throughout the course, you will have assignments that require reading and synthesis of and response to course content.

#### The following are helpful resources for APA formatting:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

[http://campusgw.library.cornell.edu/newhelp/res\\_strategy/citing/apa.html](http://campusgw.library.cornell.edu/newhelp/res_strategy/citing/apa.html)

<http://www.apastyle.org/electref.html>

#### Grading:

Name	Grade %
Forum Activities	40.00 %
Week 1 Forum	5.00 %
Week 2 Forum	5.00 %
Week 3 Forum	5.00 %
Week 4 Forum	5.00 %
Week 5 Forum	5.00 %
Week 6 Forum	5.00 %
Week 7 Forum	5.00 %
Week 8 Forum	5.00 %
Assignments	60.00 %

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Week 8 Assign.	20.00 %
Week 3 Assign.	20.00 %
Week 6 Assign.	20.00 %

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## Materials

**Book Title:** Various resources from the APUS Library & the Open Web are used. Links provided inside the classroom in the Lessons section.

**Author:** No Author Specified

**Publication Info:**

**ISBN:** N/A

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## Course Guidelines

### Citation and Reference Style

Attention Please: Students will follow the APA Format as the sole citation and reference style used in written work submitted as part of coursework to the University. Assignments completed in a narrative essay or composition format must follow the citation style cited in the APA Format.

### Late Assignments

Students are expected to submit classroom assignments by the posted due date and to complete the course according to the published class schedule. As adults, students, and working professionals, I understand you must manage competing demands on your time. Should you need additional time to complete an assignment, please contact me **before** the due date so we can discuss the situation and determine an acceptable resolution. Late submissions that are submitted without prior approval may not be graded. Routine submission of late assignments is unacceptable and may result in points deducted from your final course grade.

**Forum Assignments** – These are interactive dialog assignments designed to help you connect with your classmates in course related discourse and form a learning community. They are located under the “Forums” link on the left side of your course screen. Please carefully read the forum prompt each week. Post your initial response by 11:59 PM on Wednesday of the week and 2 reply posts to classmates by 11:59 PM on Sunday of the week. Late posts to the forum cannot be accepted for grading. Once the week ends, the forum ends. The grading rubric and requirements for forums can be found in the Forum section of the classroom.

### Netiquette

Online universities promote the advancement of knowledge through positive and constructive debate – both inside and outside the classroom. Forums on the Internet, however, can occasionally degenerate into needless insults and “flaming.” Such activity and the loss of good manners are not acceptable in a university setting – basic academic rules of good behavior and proper “Netiquette” must persist. Remember that you are in a place for the rewards and excitement of learning which does not include descent to personal attacks or student attempts to stifle the Forum of others.

**Technology Limitations:** While you should feel free to explore the full-range of creative composition in your

formal papers, keep e-mail layouts simple. The Sakai classroom may not fully support MIME or HTML encoded messages, which means that bold face, italics, underlining, and a variety of color-coding or other visual effects will not translate in your e-mail messages.

**Humor Note:** Despite the best of intentions, jokes and especially satire can easily get lost or taken seriously. If you feel the need for humor, you may wish to add “emoticons” to help alert your readers: ;-), : ), J

## APUS Online Library

The Online Library is available to enrolled students and faculty from inside the electronic campus. This is your starting point for access to online books, subscription periodicals, and Web resources that are designed to support your classes and generally not available through search engines on the open Web. In addition, the Online Library provides access to special learning resources, which the University has contracted to assist with your studies. Questions can be directed to [librarian@apus.edu](mailto:librarian@apus.edu).

- **Charles Town Library and Inter Library Loan:** The University maintains a special library with a limited number of supporting volumes, collection of our professors’ publication, and services to search and borrow research books and articles from other libraries.
- **Electronic Books:** You can use the online library to uncover and download over 50,000 titles, which have been scanned and made available in electronic format.
- **Electronic Journals:** The University provides access to over 12,000 journals, which are available in electronic form and only through limited subscription services.
- **Tutor.com:** AMU and APU Civilian & Coast Guard students are eligible for 10 free hours of tutoring provided by APUS. [Tutor.com](http://Tutor.com) connects you with a professional tutor online 24/7 to provide help with assignments, studying, test prep, resume writing, and more. Tutor.com is tutoring the way it was meant to be. You get expert tutoring whenever you need help, and you work one-to-one with your tutor in your online classroom on your specific problem until it is done.

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