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Child and Family Studies

CFS 210-F Introduction to Human Development: the Family Context

Theories and research pertaining to stages in the life cycle from infancy to old age. Traditional theories of Freud, Erikson, and Piaget as well as contemporary interaction and ecological models are explored. Each stage is considered from the perspective of developmental tasks and its familial and social implications. Ethnicity, social class, and sex roles are examined with special attention to their effects on the family. May not be taken for credit after PSY 220.

3 credits

CFS 283 Practicum in Child Development

Students work nine hours a week in a full-day child-care center on campus to gain practical experience in teaching, making materials, and observing preschool children, infants and toddlers, or preschool children. Students maintain daily journals, as well as plan and implement educational activities with the children that provide some of the basis for discussion and evaluation in CFS 381 (formerly SSI 381). This course requires students to use the knowledge gained in CFS 381 (formerly SSI 381) in a closely supervised situation.

Prerequisite: CFS 210 (formerly SSI 210) or PSY 220
Corequisite: SSI 381 (formerly SSI 381)
3 credits, S/U grading

CFS 287 Supervised Research in Child and Family Studies

Participation in laboratory and field research in child and family studies under the direct supervision of a faculty member in the Child and Family Studies Program. May be repeated up to a limit of six credits.

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor
0-3 credits, S/U grading

CFS 308 Violence in the Family

Theories and research about physical and sexual abuse in the family. Among the topics to be discussed are rape, incest, and spouse abuse. The approach includes sociological, psychological, and feminist perspectives. Solutions involving the medical and legal systems and the establishment of shelters are also explored.

Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: Nine credits in the social and behavioral sciences
3 credits

CFS 320-F The Special Child

Social, political, philosophical, and educational issues related to the habitation and integration of children. The course focuses on the interaction between children who have developmental, sensory, communication, behavioral, orthopedic, or other health disorders, as well as those who are gifted, and on community response to their exceptional needs.

Prerequisite: CFS 210 (formerly SSI 210) or PSY 220
3 credits

CFS 321-F Early Childhood Environments

A study of physical and social environments for young children from birth to eight years old. Public, commercial, and private settings are considered, including homes, hospitals, museums, libraries, and both indoor and outdoor play spaces. Alternative, traditional, and innovative child care, preschool, and school settings are examined.

Advisory Prerequisite: CFS 210 (formerly SSI 210) or PSY 220
3 credits

CFS 322-F The Infant and Young Child

Growth and development during the earliest stages of life. Socioeconomic class, ethnicity, and individual differences of infants and young children are explored. Topics include cognitive, sociocultural, and language development; the at-risk infant; and caregivers’ role in health care, safety, and nutrition. Students conduct periodic systematic observations of infants and young children in a variety of settings.

Advisory Prerequisite: CFS 210 (formerly SSI 210) or PSY 220
3 credits

CFS 339-F Children’s Play

An investigation of the significance of play in human development, familiarizing the student with the psychological and sociological theories of play and considering the application of these theories in educational and clinical settings. The course is especially useful to students who are contemplating professional work with children.

Advisory Prerequisite: CFS 210 or 322 (formerly SSI 210 or 322) or PSY 220
3 credits

CFS 340 Children in Hospitals and Health Care Settings

An examination of the social and emotional needs of children, adolescents, and their families when confronted with illness, medical crisis, and hospitalization. The course focuses on the creation of developmentally appropriate, culturally sensitive, and family-centered health care environments. Topics include preparation for hospitalization and medical intervention, the dynamics of family stress, multicultural perspectives on illness and health care, and children’s reactions to parental and sibling illness.

Prerequisite: CFS 210 (formerly SSI 210) or PSY 220
Advisory Prerequisite: One of the following: CFS 320, 321, 322, or 327 (formerly SSI courses)
3 credits

CFS 345-K Parental Roles in a Pluralistic Society

An examination of parental roles in family life from a multicultural perspective. Theoretical models of parent education are evaluated, and alternative approaches to service delivery are explored within the context of America’s pluralistic society. Specific issues such as ethnic socialization by parents and multiculturalism in child care and school settings are analyzed.

Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: CFS 210 (formerly SSI 210) or PSY 220 or SOC 304
3 credits

CFS 381-F Seminar in Child Development

Seminar in early childhood development and education focusing on emergent literacy, science and math discovery, multisensory experiences to enhance motor development, and exploration of the arts. Students analyze strategies for problem solving and for creating environments that foster positive social interactions. Active listening, limit setting, conflict negotiations, and inquiry approaches to learning are explored from a multicultural perspective. Students develop learning experiences for children they are working with in the co-requisite practicum, CFS 283 (formerly SSI 283).

Prerequisite: CFS 210 (formerly SSI 210) or PSY 220
Corequisite: CFS 283 (formerly SSI 283)
3 credits

CFS 405 Seminar in Children, Law, and Social Policy

A seminar that examines the social and political factors that determine the legislation affecting children and the evaluation of program effectiveness with an emphasis on developing skills needed to be an advocate for children and families. While the history of programs, beginning with the New Deal, is explored, the major focus is on current legislation. The following issues are analyzed: child health, nutrition, education, adoption and foster care, Head Start, child care.

Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

CFS 417 Senior Seminar in Child and Family Studies

A seminar for advanced students in the minor in child and family studies. A selected topic, chosen from among the following, is explored in depth: children and families at risk, motherhood, parent education, families with disabled members, family and individual development in the later years, families and the media, and cross-cultural perspectives on child care and the parent-child relationship.

Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

CFS 447 Directed Readings in Child and Family Studies

Individually supervised reading in selected topics of child and family studies. May be repeated, but total credit may not exceed more than six credits.

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor
1-3 credits

CFS 475, 476 Undergraduate Teaching Practica I, II

Work with a faculty member as an assistant in one of the faculty member’s regularly scheduled classes. The student is required to attend all the classes, do all the regularly assigned work, and meet with the faculty member at regularly scheduled times to discuss the intellectual and pedagogical matters relating to the course. In CFS 476 (formerly SSI 476), students assume greater responsibility in such areas as leading discussions and analyzing results of tests that have already been graded.

Prerequisites to CFS 475: CFS minor or SSI major; U4 standing; interview; permission of instructor
Prerequisite to CFS 476: CFS 475 (formerly SSI 475); permission of instructor
3 credits per course, S/U grading

CFS 487 Independent Project in Child and Family Studies

Interdisciplinary independent projects in child and family studies designed to enable students to complete independent research or to combine academic and fieldwork on a practical or community problem. May be repeated.

Prerequisites: 18 credits in the social and behavioral sciences; permission of instructor
0-6 credits

CFS 488 Internship

Participation in local, state, or national public or private agencies and organizations. Students are required to submit written progress reports and a final term paper to the faculty sponsor. May be repeated up to a limit of 12 credits.

Prerequisite: 15 credits in the social and behavioral sciences; permission of instructor and program
0-6 credits, S/U grading
CFS 489 Child Life Internship

Prospective Child Life professionals receive supervised experience in action-based research within the pediatric hospital setting, applying their academic, intellectual, and technical skills toward assessing the needs of children and families for Child Life services and planning and implementing individualized, age-appropriate educational, play, recreational, and support activities. May be repeated up to a limit of 12 credits.

Prerequisites: Completion of the Child and Family Studies minor; permission of instructor

0-6 credits, S/U grading