HR 5403-490: Psychosocial Development

Course Description:
This course is intended to familiarize graduate students with concepts related to the diversity of human development across the lifespan. The course will address the impact of cultural context on the construct of human development. With emphasis on the psychosocial model of development, the course is intended to help prepare professionals with a working knowledge of issues and phases of human development. Also, the course will provide fundamental perspectives on different issues regarding developmental, psychological, and cultural understandings of individuals. The course will focus upon interpersonal and intrapersonal development issues that affect the wellbeing of individuals. Developmental issues will be examined within the context of everyday life, with special attention paid to enhancing and facilitating developmental potential for professionals in the field. Thinking ‘outside the box’ is the spirit of this course that will enable us to see individual growth as a complexity of developmental issues, which are defined within geo-political and cultural entities. This challenging approach demands a critical lens that allows deep reflection on the professional applications in the field.

Course Dates:
November 1 – December 31, 2017
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: October 3, 2017

Site Director:
This is a three-credit hour online course. Please see your local Site Director or email our online site coordinator at aponline@ou.edu

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Professor availability: The professor will be available via email to students during the above listed Virtual Office Hours and other methods by arrangement.

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:
Student materials are available at the OU Follett Bookstore located at 1185 Asp Avenue; Norman, OK, and can be ordered online, by phone, by email, or by fax. Ordering online at http://www.bkstr.com/oklahomastore/home is strongly recommended – students can track the status of their order within 48 hours. If an order has not been shipped within three days, students can contact the Follett textbook manager by phone (405) 325-3511, (800) 522-0772 (toll-free) or email 0831mgr@fheg.follett.com. Phone orders (ask for the textbook manager and identify yourself as an Advanced Programs student) can be placed 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday (CST). Summer hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (CST). Fax orders can be placed 24 hours a day at (405) 325-7770. Text prices are available online.

2. Materials posted on the OU Canvas learning management system: Access Canvas at [https://canvas.ou.edu](https://canvas.ou.edu), enter your OU NetID and password, and select course to access material. If you require assistance with Canvas, please click on the Help icon. You can search the Canvas guides, chat with Canvas support, or contact OU IT.


Note: Follett is the Advanced Programs contractual textbook provider. Should text changes become necessary after publication of the course syllabus, Advanced Programs will facilitate text returns/refunds only for texts purchased through Follett.

**OU Email:**

All official correspondence from instructors will be sent only to students’ ou.edu address.

**Online Orientation:**

The College of Arts and Sciences offers an online orientation for students who are enrolled in online or blended courses. The purpose of the orientation is to ensure that students are well prepared both technically and practically to take online courses. The orientation can be found on their website at: [http://www.ou.edu/content/cas/online/student-online-orientation.html](http://www.ou.edu/content/cas/online/student-online-orientation.html)

The College of Arts and Sciences Online and Academic Technology Services office is here to assist you with any questions, problems, or concerns you may have. For assistance visit their website at [http://www.ou.edu/content/cas/online/student-information.html](http://www.ou.edu/content/cas/online/student-information.html) or contact them by telephone at: (405) 325-5854 or email: casonline@ou.edu

**Class Format:**

This course adopts a seminar format for graduate students; it is expected that the student will be involved in reading the material carefully and be able to engage in discussion and exercise while demonstrating critical thinking and interest in the subject matter. Due to the nature of subjects, students will develop their ideas and concepts whereby their interest will guide them in being active in scholarly arenas. The class format will maximize students’ opportunity to interact and engage. Students are encouraged to keep a journal of their learning experience during the course. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the structure of the course, to read the material carefully and ask questions at the beginning of the course to keep from falling behind.

**Course Objectives:**

Students are expected to complete the following learning tasks

1. Understand the dynamics of psychosocial development in the modern world.
2. Understand the scope and the nature of the psychosocial model of human development.
3. Understand the role that development theory plays in our development of human beings in local and cross-cultural entities.
4. Understand methods of assessing developmental strengths and weaknesses of people from the socialization process.

Assignments, Grading, and Due Dates:

Given the course interest and the student academic level, as well as students’ backgrounds, class participation, readings and discussion are fundamental issues for this class. The assigned readings are designed according to weekly themes: every week the course will try to explore one theme in life span and adult development; however, some intersection might occur due to the complexity of subject.

Discussion Board Participation:

You will post your views and deconstruct the reading in a professional manner. Discussion policy is included in the syllabus. Discussion tab on Canvas at Canvas.ou.edu - 45 points.

Elements included in the evaluation of discussion board participation will include evidence of critical thinking, clear identification of the issue, understanding of the problems, and the ability to propose and evaluate solutions. All participants are expected to welcome open expression of opinion, attitudes and beliefs and to accept the legitimacy and value of dissent. In addition to respect for the ideas of your classmates and the instructor, common courtesy is also expected. There are 3 discussion points for every issue. However, 2 points and one point is allocated for inadequate participating (See the rubric below).

You are expected to post your original response on the issue and response to the class discussion. You are expected to post an original response pertaining to issues of the reading and post few responses to the comment of a classmate. I encourage you to read other students’ postings.

Discussion Rubric:

Please see the rubric on the course homepage.

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<td><strong>Frequency</strong></td>
<td>Participates not at all.</td>
<td>Participates 2 times on the same day.</td>
<td>Participates 4 times but postings not distributed throughout week.</td>
<td>Participates 6 times throughout the week.</td>
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<td><strong>Initial Assignment Posting</strong></td>
<td>Posts no assignment.</td>
<td>Posts adequate assignment with superficial thought and preparation; doesn’t address all aspects of the task.</td>
<td>Posts well developed assignment that addresses all aspects of the task; lacks full development of concepts.</td>
<td>Posts well developed assignment that fully addresses and develops all aspects of the task.</td>
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<td><strong>Follow-Up Postings</strong></td>
<td>Posts no follow-up responses to others.</td>
<td>Posts shallow contribution to discussion (e.g., agrees or disagrees); does not enrich discussion.</td>
<td>Elaborates on an existing posting with further comment or observation.</td>
<td>Demonstrates analysis of others’ posts; extends meaningful discussion by building on previous posts.</td>
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<td><strong>Content Contribution</strong></td>
<td>Posts information that is off-topic, incorrect, or irrelevant to discussion.</td>
<td>Repeats but does not add substantive information to the discussion.</td>
<td>Posts information that is factually correct; lacks full development of concept or thought.</td>
<td>Posts factually correct, reflective and substantive contribution; advances discussion.</td>
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<td><strong>References &amp; Support</strong></td>
<td>Includes no references or supporting experience.</td>
<td>Uses personal experience, but no references to readings or research.</td>
<td>Incorporates some references from literature and personal experience.</td>
<td>Uses references to literature, readings, or personal experience to support comments.</td>
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<td><strong>Clarity &amp; Mechanics</strong></td>
<td>Posts long, unorganized or rude content that may contain multiple errors or may be inappropriate.</td>
<td>Communicates in friendly, courteous and helpful manner with some errors in clarity or mechanics.</td>
<td>Contributes valuable information to discussion with minor clarity or mechanics errors.</td>
<td>Contributes to discussion with clear, concise comments formatted in an easy to read style that is free of grammatical or spelling errors.</td>
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**Observation:**

The student must select an age group as categorized in the *Comparing Theories of Child Development* and determine a forum for making a series of informed observations of a subject. Please refer to the Guidelines for more information. You are also expected to post a brief review of your experience at Discussion tab/observation on Canvas. 10 points.

**Interview:**

Interview a caregiver that is part of your observation location. Please refer to the Guidelines for more information. You are also expected to post a brief review of your experience at Discussion tab/observation on Canvas. 10 points.

**Written paper #1:**

Paper #1 is studying the Ecological theory through case study. Please refer to the outline for the case study assignment on Canvas under the course homepage. There is the general information for writing quality. 20 points

**Written paper #2:**

Paper #2 is theorist’s roundtable. Please refer to psycho-social paper #2 on Canvas under the course homepage. There is the general information for writing quality. 25 points

**Grading:**

This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F.

Grades are based on total points, which are earned via objective and subjective scoring. A=90-100%: superior work, B = 80-89%: above average work, C = 70-79%: average work, D = 60-69%: below average work (passing), F = below 60%: failing work 90%, B=80%, C= 70%, D=60%.

Subjective criteria for evaluating work include quality of individual writing assignments, participation and completion of work in a punctual manner.
Deep Vs. Surface Learning

Below are descriptions of varying degrees of work which reflect the level and quality of learning student/learner. Keep these in mind as you navigate the course.

Excellent Work

Writing demonstrates unusual competence; obvious analytical thinking with thoughtful evaluation; outstanding contributions to group presentations, papers and group discussions. Student exhibits a continuous and enthusiastic effort over the course of the class. Manifests initiative, meets all deadlines and due dates and no absences. Deep Learning—understanding of the content and applications to real world.

Good Work

Writing demonstrates competence; interpretive/inferential thinking, drawing conclusions, and reading between the lines; strong contribution to group presentations; active participation in group discussions, meets all due dates. Missed parts of classes. Deep & Surface Learning—understanding of some course content, possible examples.

Average Work

Individual writing is competent; literal thinking and mere regurgitation of readings; some contribution to group presentations and papers; occasionally contributes to group discussions. Meets all due dates. Missed classes. Surface Learning—overview of the content.

Unsuccessful Work

Individual writing suggests or demonstrates incompetence. Little thought to developing ideas. Periodic contributions to group presentations, papers and discussions. Forgetfulness regarding assignments, due dates. Missed classes, arrived late or early exits.

Notice: Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.

Quality of Written and oral reports:

All written reports must be typewritten and include references and bibliographies. All reports should follow the format described in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological association (APA) (6th ed.). The paper will include a title page, appropriate citations within the text of the paper and a reference page. In addition, the paper should be carefully researched, grammatically correct and neat in appearance. You will be penalized for poorly written papers and poorly presented oral reports.

Final Word:

I value each of you and do not want to lose any of you because of misunderstandings or confusion. So please let me know what I can do to clarify my lectures or otherwise fill in missing holes in your perceptions of class room verbal exchanges or assignments. What do you need (other than a guaranteed “A” or “B”) to make our class worthwhile? You have the final word!

Policy for Late Work:

Please contact the professor regarding his/her policy for late work

Attendance Policy:

In addition to interaction via Canvas and email contact, students are required to contact the instructor via email or telephone before the beginning of the course term for an initial briefing. Although physical class meetings are not part of this course, participation in all interactive, learning activities is required.

Student assignments and student/instructor communications will be conducted via Canvas, although students may contact the instructor via telephone, postal mail, email, or fax as needed
Incomplete Grade Policy:
A grade of “I” is not automatically assigned, but rather must be requested by the student by submitting to the instructor a “Petition for and Work to Remove an Incompleted Grade” form. An “I” can never be used in lieu of an “F” nor can an “I” be assigned because of excessive failure to participate in class activities.

Technical Support Information:
If you experience technical problems, contact Information Technology by visiting their website at: http://webapps.ou.edu/it/ or contacting them by telephone at: (405) 325-HELP (4357).
POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Note: Attendance/absences do not apply to online courses. However, participation in all course activities is extremely important to student success in online courses.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. It is the policy of the University to excuse absences of students that result from religious observances and to provide without penalty for the rescheduling of examinations and additional required class work that may fall on religious holidays. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution’s policy regarding “I” (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy. Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any “I” (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on “financial aid probation.” If the “I” grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student’s Financial Aid may be suspended make the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Integrity and Student Conduct

Academic integrity means honesty and responsibility in scholarship. Academic assignments exist to help students learn; grades exist to show how fully this goal is attained. Therefore, all work and all grades should result from the student's own understanding and effort.

Academic misconduct is any act which improperly affects the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement. Misconduct occurs when the student either knows or reasonably should know that the act constitutes misconduct. Academic misconduct includes: cheating and using unauthorized materials on examinations and other assignments; improper collaboration, submitting the same assignment for different classes (self-plagiarism); fabrication, forgery, alteration of documents, lying, etc…in order to obtain an academic advantage; assisting others in academic misconduct; attempting to commit academic misconduct; destruction of property, hacking, etc…; intimidation and interference with integrity process; and plagiarism. All students should review the Student’s Guide to Academic Integrity at http://integrity.ou.edu/students_guide.html

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. All students should review policies regarding student conduct at http://studentconduct.ou.edu/

Accommodation Statement

The University of Oklahoma is committed to making its activities as accessible as possible. For accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact your local OU Site Director.

Adjustment for Pregnancy/Childbirth-Related Issues

Should you need modifications or adjustments to your course requirements because of documented pregnancy-related or childbirth-related issues, please contact me as soon as possible to discuss. Generally, modifications will be made where medically necessary and similar in scope to accommodations based on temporary disability. Please see http://www.ou.edu/content/eoo/faq/pregnancy-faqs.html.
Title IX Resources
For any concerns regarding gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, stalking, or intimate partner violence, the University offers a variety of resources, including advocates on-call 24/7, counseling services, mutual no-contact orders, scheduling adjustments, and disciplinary sanctions against the perpetrator. Please contact the Sexual Misconduct Office at smo@ou.edu or (405) 325-2215 (8-5), or the Sexual Assault Response Team at (405) 615-0013 (24/7) to report an incident. To learn more about Title IX, please visit the Institutional Equity Office’s website at http://www.ou.edu/content/eeo.html

Course Policies
Advanced Programs policy is to order books in paperback if available. Courses, dates, and professors are subject to change. Please check with your OU Site Director. Students should retain a copy of any assignments that are mailed to the professor for the course.

Any and all course materials, syllabus, lessons, lectures, etc. are the property of professor teaching the course and the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma and are protected under applicable copyright.

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**INSTRUCTOR VITA**

**Janette Habashi, Ph.D.**

**Education**

- 2004    Educational Psychology, PhD. Kent State University
- 1991    Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Social Work, Bethlehem University, Palestine

**Current Positions**

Associate Professor, Department of Human Relations, University of Oklahoma

**Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest**

- Social Science theories
- Qualitative research
- My research interest is children and indigenous discourse.

**Representative Publications and Presentations**

**Refereed Publications**

Published Refereed Book Chapters in Scholarly Books and Monographs


Under Review Articles for Refereed Journals

- Habashi, J. (under review). Children's religious agency: Conceptualizing Islamic idioms of resistance. AREA

Research Projects in Progress

- Habashi, J. (in progress). Children’s age of responsibility: Analysis of social political on the age of maturity. This project uses content analysis in identifying the discrepancy of children’s age of responsibility in three main areas: crime, heath and community engagement.
- Habashi, J. (in progress). Children’s historical images: Analysis of religious discourse in three constitutions. This project uses content analysis to deconstruct children’s capacities in three nation-states which adopt religion as a fundamental element of their constitution.
- Habashi, J. (in progress). Imprinting children’s participation in the Palestinian constitution: The democratization of children in international settings? This project is a conceptualize piece that will set the foundation for a grant proposal.
- Habashi, J. (in progress). Intergenerational dialogue: children collecting historical narratives. This project provides an analysis of the intergenerational narrative whereby children are active in creating a digital oral history.

Refereed Abstracts or Proceedings


Non-refereed Articles

Representative Honors and Awards Received

- Present  Awarded $500,000 by a private philanthropist to fund the development of a gifted program for Palestinian children.
- 2011  International Alumni Award, Kent State University, Ohio
- 2005-Present  Invited to be on the Editorial Review Board for the *Research and Practice Online Journal* (for second time). Published two times a year to provide a scholarly space for the “subaltern” and “subjugated knowledge(s)” to speak (Cross-listed under national service).
- 2008-2009  Speaker, in the international research project, Children Living Rights: Theorizing Children’s Rights in International Development. Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch, Switzerland.
- 2005-2006  Fellowship Award, Child on the Wing Rockefeller Foundation Resident Fellowships Program, Humanities and the Study of Culture Program, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD.
- 2005-2006  Presidential International Travel Fellowship Award. International Programs Center, University of Oklahoma, OK.
- 2001 & 2003  Center Scholarship. Center for International and Intercultural Education, Kent State University, Kent, OH.
- 2002  Graduate Student Senate, Outstanding Dissertation Award. Kent State University, Kent, OH.
- 2000  College of Education Award for Outstanding Achievement in Leadership. Scholarship and Services, Kent State University, Kent, OH.

Major Professional Affiliations

- American Educational Research Association