SW 711: Human Behavior and the Environment (Section 010)  
Spring 2019

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Class Time: Saturdays, 9 am – 1 pm  
Class Location: Medical Sciences Building (MSC) 5235

Credits: 2  
Instructional Mode: All Face-to-Face

Canvas Course URL: https://canvas.wisc.edu/courses/140099

I. Course Description

The literature on human behavior and the environment is reviewed from a bio-psychosocial perspective. Special attention is given to understanding individual and family behavior and development as a function of reciprocal interactions with groups, communities, organizations, and society.

Attributes and Designations: This course counts toward the 50% graduate coursework requirement.  
Requisites: Graduate or professional standing

How Credit Hours are Met: This class meets for one two-hour class periods each week over the fall semester and carries the expectation that students will work on course learning activities (reading, writing, studying) for approximately four hours out of classroom each week. The syllabus includes additional information about meeting times and expectations for student work.

II. Course Overview

This required course is part of the Human Behavior and Social Environment sequence in the Generalist Practice curriculum and promotes students’ understanding of human behavior and development as a function of complex interactions between individuals and their environments. Students learn about biological, psychological, sociological, cultural, religious and spiritual developmental tasks across the lifespan. Theoretical perspectives are critically discussed and applied as organizational and interpretative frameworks for understanding human behavior in the context of family, group, community and organizational systems. Special attention is given to the impact of ethnicity, gender, social class, spirituality/religion, and sexual orientation at each developmental stage (infancy, childhood, adolescence, early and middle adulthood and late adulthood). In addition, students are asked to reflect on how their own developmental experiences have shaped their own beliefs and values regarding others.

III. Learning Outcomes: Competency Descriptions and Dimensions

Social Work Education is framed by a competency-based approach to curriculum design. At the conclusion of their education, social work students are expected to be competent in 9 core areas.
Competency is achieved through mastery of course content as measured through course activities, readings, assignments and behaviors learned in field experiences, and which are derived from social work knowledge, values, skills and cognitive and affective processes. The objective of this course is to help students to demonstrate understanding and mastery of the knowledge, values, skills and cognitive and affective processes relevant to the competencies described in Appendix A.

IV. Course Content

**Week 1: January 26, 2019**

**Topics:** Introductions, course overview, life-course perspective, ecological systems perspective
- Course content, assignments, and policies
- Nature and nurture interaction

**In-Class Activities:**
- Discussion: Life course perspective and drug use (Hser et al., 2007)
- Discussion: Micro, meso, and macro environments

**Required Readings:**
- Hutchison: Chapter 1, pages 1-33

**Suggested Readings:**

**Week 2: February 2, 2019**

**Topics:** Family systems theory, social work practice with communities and organizations

**In-Class Activities:**
- Video & Group Discussion:
  - “Neighborhood effects and the contemporary city” (Robert J. Sampson) available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rnKL1vyF0zc
  - “The transformative power of community organizing” (KFTC) available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cocYFk3RIIw
- Discussion: Can Block Clubs Block Despair?

**Required Readings:**
Suggested Readings:

**Week 3: February 9, 2019**

**Topics:** Conception, pregnancy, childbirth, infancy and toddlerhood, **Self-Reflection Paper Due**

**In-Class Activities:**
- Discussion: Childbearing in different cultures
- Discussion: Racial disparities in birth outcomes
- Video & Group Discussion:
  - “Racial/ethnic disparities in birth outcomes: A life course perspective” (Michael C. Lu) available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k8fuwhd4d54&t=48s

**Required Readings:**
- Hutchison: Chapter 2, pages 34-73
- Hutchison: Chapter 3, pages 74-114

**Suggested Readings:**

**Week 4: February 14, 2019**

**Topics:** Early and middle childhood

**In-Class Activities:**
- Video & Group Discussion:
  - “What is the most important influence on child development?” (Tom Weisner) available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=giZ8pKLMMuO
  - “How childhood trauma affects health across a lifetime” (Nadine Burke Harris) available at https://www.tedmed.com/talks/show?id=293066
- Discussion: The Adverse Childhood Experience Study

**Required Readings:**
- Hutchison: Chapter 4, pages 115-152
- Hutchison: Chapter 5, pages 153-188
Suggested Readings:


**Week 5: February 23, 2019**

Topics: Adolescence, In-Class Midterm Exam

In-Class Activities:

- **Video & Group Discussion:**
  - “Inside the teenage brain” (Frontline) available at: http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/inside-the-teenage-brain
  - “Insight into the teenage brain” (Adriana Galván) available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWUkW4s3XxY
- Discussion: Marcia’s Identity Status

Required Readings:

- Hutchison: Chapter 6, pages 189-230

Suggested Readings:


**Week 6: March 2, 2019**

Topics: Young and middle adulthood

In-Class Activities:

- Discussion: Theoretical frameworks for understanding young adult development, including Erikson, Levinson, and Arnett; Jung’s and Levinson’s theories of finding balance in middle adulthood
- Discussion: Family caregiving in the US

Required Readings:

- Hutchison: Chapter 7, pages 231-268
- Hutchison: Chapter 8, pages 269-311

Suggested Readings:

Week 7: March 9, 2019
Topics: Late adulthood and very late adulthood, In-Class Final Exam

In-Class Activities:
- Discussion: Work and retirement in late adulthood

Required Readings:
- Hutchison: Chapter 9, pages 312-356
- Hutchison: Chapter 10: pages 357-384

Suggested Readings:

V. Texts and Reading Materials for the Course

Required Texts:
The following required textbook is available online, in the University Bookstore or on reserve in the Social Work Library
- Articles will be available through CANVAS.

You are expected to have read all assigned material prior to the class date under which the readings are listed above. Reading and critically evaluating what you have read is necessary so that you can learn, actively participate in class discussions, and successfully complete written assignments.

VI. Evaluation: Assignments, Grading and Methods

Assignment Due Dates and Points

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1. **Attendance** (10 points)
   In order for you and your fellow classmates to benefit from this course, you are expected to attend all scheduled classes and to arrive on time. Attendance will be taken at each class. If you are unable to
attend class, please email me prior to the beginning of class so that you can receive an excused absence. Please see Attendance Policy below.

2. **Self-Reflection Paper** (February 9, 2019; 30 points)
   Human Behavior and the Social Environment is a foundation Social Work course that provides you with information necessary for working in the profession. This course requires you to gain a deeper understanding of your own development; values and beliefs resulting from your development; and how these values and beliefs influence your assessment of others’ behavior and/or situations. To assist in this understanding, you are expected to write a self-reflection paper this semester that will be worth 20 points.

   Your paper should include critical thinking on the following:
   1) Values and beliefs you hold as a result of your own environment and development
   2) How you feel these values and beliefs might impact your assessment of others’ behavior and situations
   3) Ethical dilemmas you might face as a result of value and belief differences (e.g., client populations with whom you may find it difficult to work; decisions made by clients that are not in agreement with your beliefs). BE SPECIFIC.

   This typed paper is to be no less than four full pages in length and no more than five pages. Format your paper using one-inch margins, double-spacing, and a Times New Roman 12-point font. Include a cover sheet (not counted as one of the required pages) with the title of the paper, your name, the date due, and course number and title (do not put this information on the first page of your paper). All assignments should be checked thoroughly for correct spelling and grammar (please utilize the Writing Center as needed). Please upload your paper to Canvas prior to the start of class on February 9th. A grading rubric for this assignment is provided in Appendix B.

3. **Exams** (Midterm: February 23, 2019 and Final: March 9, 2019; 30 points each)
   Two in-class exams will be given. These exams will cover material presented in the readings and lectures, and will provide an opportunity for you to synthesize and demonstrate mastery of the course material. In successfully answering exam questions, you will demonstrate an understanding of:
   1) Key ecological system theories and how they can be applied to understand human behavior as a result of individuals’ interactions with social systems
   2) Theories of biological, psychological, social, cultural and spiritual/religious development across the lifespan
   3) The range of social systems that influence individual development and behavior
   4) How gender, ethnicity, culture, spirituality, sexual orientation, economic deprivation, discrimination, and oppression shape developmental processes and human behavior across the life span

**Grading Scale & Standards**

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Your goal for this and other courses should be to make the most of your learning experience, and not to simply earn an ‘A’. Your expectations about the grades you receive on assignments should be wholly based on (1) the extent to which you respond to assignment objectives, (2) the quality of your writing (to include grammar and spelling, organization, and clarity), and (3) your ability to demonstrate critical thinking and write with depth. If there are assignment instructions that are unclear to you, please note that it is your responsibility to bring this to my attention and do so in a timely manner. If you have an issue with a grade on an assignment, please document your reasons in writing with specific attention to the three points above.

VII. Course Policies

Attendance Policy
Due to the accelerated nature of courses in the University of Wisconsin-Madison Part-Time MSW Program, students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and to arrive on time. It is your responsibility to notify the instructor and give reason for any absence before the class missed.

Absence
- Attendance will be taken at each class and students’ level of participation noted.
- Excused and unexcused absences:
  - The first unexcused absence will result in a student’s grade being dropped one half letter grade (for example, from an A to an AB).
  - The second unexcused absence will place the student at risk for failing the course.
  - On a case-by-case basis, it is left to the instructor’s discretion as to what is defined as an excused absence as well as to determine appropriate follow up plans.
- Additional graded make-up work appropriate for the content missed will be assigned for excused and unexcused absences. Students in SW711 will be required to complete a 4-page reaction paper on the missed week's readings. The details of this assignment are on the CANVAS course webpage.
- Students are responsible for completing any class requirements for the day missed, and for obtaining from a fellow classmate any assignments, materials, and communications missed due to absence, late arrival or early departure.
- Students who must be absent due to inclement weather or other emergencies should contact the instructor prior to the start of class to be considered for an excused absence.

Inclement Weather Policy
- If there is inclement weather across the Program area, students will be expected to check their email prior to leaving for class to confirm whether classes are cancelled.
- If classes are cancelled due to inclement weather, students should check their email for instructions for how to engage in class material for that day.
- If classes are not cancelled but an individual student concludes he/she cannot safely travel to reach his/her class site, the student must contact his/her instructor(s) regarding his/her plan to not travel. This absence will be considered excused and makeup work will be assigned.

Student Behavior Policy & Classroom Climate
In order to learn, we must be open to the views of people different from ourselves. Each and every voice in the classroom is important and brings with it a wealth of experiences, values and beliefs that will serve to enhance the learning of their colleagues. In this time we share together over the semester, please honor the uniqueness of your classmates, and appreciate the opportunity we have to learn from each other. Please respect your fellow students’ opinions and refrain from personal attacks or demeaning comments of
any kind. Finally, remember to keep confidential all issues of a personal or professional nature discussed in class.

Meeting course objectives requires that the instructor and students actively work to create a learning environment that is respectful and safe so that ideas can be examined honestly and diverse viewpoints shared. On the first day of class, we will discuss creating a brave space in the classroom, the art of dialoguing, and the establishment of community guidelines. I want to insure that our classroom is an inclusive space free from discrimination, harassment, bullying and victimization.

The success of this Student Behavior Policy & Classroom Climate relies on all of us accepting the responsibility not to be offensive to each other nor participate in or condone harassment or discrimination of any kind. Should you experience or witness such behavior, please schedule an appointment with me so that together we can discuss and address the issue.

Code of Ethics, Student Rights and Responsibilities & Plagiarism
BSW and incoming MSW students read and signed electronic forms of the NASW Code of Ethics, the School of Social Work Plagiarism Policy and the Student Rights and Responsibilities. In doing so, they agreed that while in the BSW or MSW Program they would honor the NASW Code of Ethics and Student’s Rights and Responsibilities, as well as adhere to the Plagiarism Policy and that should they not do so, sanctions would be imposed. BSW and MSW students are expected to adhere to these policies in the classroom, in the field and in the preparation of course assignments.

Reading Assignments
You are expected to have read all assigned material prior to the class date under which the readings are listed above. Reading and critically evaluating what you have read is necessary so that you can learn, actively participate in class discussions, and successfully complete written assignments.

Written Assignment Guidelines Policy
All written assignments are to be completed in Microsoft Word; no pdf documents will be accepted. Please follow the guidelines below:

Papers Must:
- Use one-inch margins
- Use Times New Roman 1 2-point font
- Be double-spaced and each new paragraph indented ½ inch
- Use page numbers for all assignments
- Be spell and grammar checked
- Include a cover sheet (not counted as one of the required pages) with the title of the paper, your name, the date turned into the instructor, course number, and course title: do not place this information on the first page of your paper
- Use APA style when citing and referencing

Paper Organization:
- Each paper must include an introduction and conclusion
- Each paper must have a logical flow from the introduction, to a coherent and in-depth discussion of the questions in the body of your paper, to the conclusion
- Each paragraph must have a clear and concise topic sentence that reflects the content of the paragraph it introduces
- Paragraphs must have smooth transitions from one to the next
A consistent tense must be used throughout the paper

**Do Not:**
- Use contractions (for example: don’t, can’t)
- Use quotes from articles read, unless it is a 2-3 word phrase not easily put into other words
- Be repetitious in your writing
- Use run-on sentences
- Use too many prepositional phrases
- End sentences in prepositions (for example: with, of, at)

**Do:**
- Think critically when writing
- Write with depth – avoid superficial statements
- Be reflective
- Be succinct
- Connect your assignment to class discussions, course readings and related experience outside of the classroom

**Late Assignment Policy**
The assignments listed above are due at the beginning of the class period on the date specified. Students who believe they have a legitimate reason for turning in a late assignment should contact the instructor prior to the due date. *Unapproved late assignments will be marked down three points for each day they are late.*

**Students with Disabilities**
Students requiring accommodations pursuant to the Americans with Disability Act should disclose their needs to the instructor as soon as possible. The McBurney Center provides services and classroom accommodations to students with disabilities. These disabilities might include vision and hearing difficulties, learning difficulties and mental health disorders. The Center is located at 701 West Johnson Street. For more information, call 608-263-2741 or go to the website at http://mcburney.wisc.edu

**Student Wellness**
As a student you may experience a range of issues that can prove to be barriers to learning. These issues may include strained relationships, anxiety, high levels of stress, alcohol/drug problems, racism, feeling down, and/or loss of motivation. **University Health Services** (UHS) can help with these or other issues you may be experiencing. You can learn about the free, confidential mental health services available on campus by calling (608-265-5600) or visiting www.uhs.wisc.edu. Help is always available.

Other student support services and programs include:
- Multicultural Student Center https://msc.wisc.edu/
- Gender and Sexuality Campus Center https://lgbt.wisc.edu/
- Dean of Students Office https://www.students.wisc.edu/doso/

Below are resources for reporting and responding to incidences of bias and hate on campus.
- https://students.wisc.edu/doso/services/bias-reporting-process
- Bias Response and Advocacy Coordinator email: reportbias@wisc.edu
- UW-Madison Police Department: uwpd.wisc.edu
- Office of Equity and Diversity: www.oed.wisc.edu/
You may also report incidents in-person to the Dean of Students Office, 70 Bascom Hall, during normal business hours. Reportable incidents include crimes such as vandalism or physical assault, as well as non-academic misconduct, slurs, and intimidation. Anyone who files a report will have the opportunity to meet with the Bias Response and Advocacy Coordinator, so that we can meet their needs and ensure their safety.

**Use of Electronic Devices in the Classroom**
Research (University of Michigan Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, 2010; Wood et al., 2012; Mueller & Oppenheimer, 2014) has found that use of electronic devices in the classroom leads to poorer recall and performance on assignments and exams; therefore, the use of such devices (e.g., laptops, smartphones, iPads, etc.) is prohibited. These devices must be turned off and stored before the beginning of class. If you have a passport from the McBurney Disability Resource Center noting your need to use a laptop for notetaking, this accommodation will be approved by the course instructor.
## Appendix A

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<td>Advanced practice social workers demonstrate in a focus area an advanced understanding of how diversity and difference characterize and shape the human experience and are critical to the formation of identity. They demonstrate comprehension that dimensions of diversity are understood as the intersectionality of multiple factors including but not limited to age, class, color, culture, disability and ability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and expression, immigration status, marital status, political ideology, race, religion/spirituality, sex, sexual orientation, and tribal sovereign status. Advanced practice social workers recognize that, as a consequence of difference, a person’s life experiences may include oppression, poverty, marginalization, and alienation, as well as privilege, power, and acclaim, and apply this recognition in their practice. They also demonstrate in practice their understanding of the forms and mechanisms of oppression and discrimination, and a recognition of the extent to which a culture’s structures and values, including social, economic, political, and cultural exclusions, may oppress, marginalize, alienate, or create privilege and power.</td>
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<td><strong>2.1.3 Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic and Environmental Justice</strong></td>
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<td>Social workers understand that every person regardless of position in society has fundamental human rights such as freedom, safety, privacy, an adequate standard of living, health care, and education. Social workers understand the global interconnections of oppression and human rights violations, and are knowledgeable about theories of human need and social justice and strategies to promote social and economic justice and human rights. Social workers understand strategies designed to eliminate oppressive structural barriers to ensure that social goods, rights, and responsibilities are distributed equitably and</td>
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that civil, political, environmental, economic, social, and cultural human rights are protected.

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### 2.1.8 Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
Social workers understand that intervention is an ongoing component of the dynamic and interactive process of social work practice with, and on behalf of, diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social workers are knowledgeable about evidence-informed interventions to achieve the goals of clients and constituencies, including individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social workers understand theories of human behavior and the social environment, and critically evaluate and apply this knowledge to effectively intervene with clients and constituencies. Social workers understand methods of identifying, analyzing and implementing evidence informed interventions to achieve client and constituency goals. Social workers value the importance of interprofessional teamwork and communication in interventions, recognizing that beneficial outcomes may require interdisciplinary, interprofessional, and interorganizational collaboration.

Lecture, readings, video, small and large group discussion related to (K):

- Discussion: Micro, meso, and macro environments
- Discussion: The Adverse Childhood Experiences Study
- Seeking control in the dying process, mind frames towards dying
- Interventions using theoretical frameworks:
  - Ecological systems perspectives
  - Family systems theory
  - Jung’s and Levinson’s theories of finding balance in life

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### 2.1.9 Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
Social workers understand that evaluation is an ongoing component of the dynamic and interactive process of social work practice with, and on behalf of, diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. Social workers recognize the importance of evaluating processes and outcomes to advance practice, policy, and service delivery effectiveness. Social workers understand theories of human behavior and the social environment, and critically evaluate and apply this knowledge in evaluating outcomes. Social workers understand qualitative and quantitative methods for evaluating outcomes and practice effectiveness.

Lecture, readings, video, small and large group discussion related to (K):

- Evaluating communities and organizations
- Evaluation using theoretical frameworks
  - Ecological systems perspectives
  - Family systems theory
  - Jung’s and Levinson’s theories of finding balance in life

Midterm Exam (K)  
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*K=Knowledge; V=Values; S=Skills; C & AP=Cognitive and Affective Processes*
### Appendix B

**Self-Reflection Paper Grading Rubric**

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