

Disability in Theory and Everyday Life

Calendar Description

Examination through a life span perspective on disability through personal narrative, theory and research.

Content/Objectives

- Analyze family issues from a theoretical, research and practice perspective.
- Analyze a disabling condition from a lifespan perspective.
- Evaluate relevant service approaches and exemplary practices across the lifespan.
- Analyze life work of families and how disability affects family development and transitions.
- Develop an understanding of the meaning of living with a disabling condition.
- Compare and contrast models of development theory.
- Outline current theoretical and research based approaches related to community rehabilitation and disability studies across the lifespan.
- Develop an awareness of family life and how disability affects families in different cultures.

Outcomes/Competencies

- Through interviews and research with service providers, students will demonstrate understanding of service provision issues within life span perspective including theory, research and practice.
- Through interviews with families, students will demonstrate understanding of family issues throughout the lifespan include theory, research and practice.
- Through a research paper and presentation on a disabling condition, students will demonstrate an in depth understanding of a disabling condition across the lifespan.
- Through a final examination on course materials and class lectures, students will demonstrate understanding of theories of human development as they relate to disability across the life span.

Assignments

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| 1. Service Provider Interview   | 20% |
| 2. Book Review  | 20% |
| 3. Paper on disabling condition - research and theory paper.                | 20% |
| 4. Presentation on disabling condition – group presentation (4 person max.) | 20% |
| 5. Exam   | 20% |

Resources

Required Texts:

Fadiman, Anne. (1997). *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

Additional course materials and weekly readings, from online journals through the University of Calgary library, will be posted on blackboard. **Each student is required to have a University of Calgary Library card** to access the online journals.

*Details for current course offerings are available at: [www.crd.s.org](http://www.crd.s.org)*

## Instructor and Course Information

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| <b>COURSE:</b>    | CORE 209                     | <b>INSTRUCTOR:</b>   | Pat Winter   |
| <b>TERM:</b>      | Fall 2011                    | <b>TELEPHONE:</b>    | (403) 815-4378   |
| <b>SECTION:</b>   | L01                          | <b>FAX:</b>          | (403) 220-6494   |
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| <b>LOCATION:</b>  | SS 010                       | <b>OFFICE HOURS:</b> | (by appointment)   |

## Details of Assignments

- Service Provider Interview** (5-7 page report)..... **Value: 20%**  
**Due: October 11th, 2011**
- Book Review** (6 - 8 page report) ..... **Value: 20%**  
**Due: November 8, 2011**
- Disability Research Paper** (10 pages/group of 2 or 15 pages/group of 3) The paper/presentation is a thorough investigation of a disability from a life span approach. Choose a disability and one age/stage (e.g., child, adolescent, adult, senior). The paper/presentation must include (1) an overview of a disability, (2) Challenges in physical, cognitive and social development within the age/stage, (3) opportunities, adaptations and/or interventions within the stage in the areas of physical, cognitive, and social development, (4) related applicable theories in development, (5) issues for families within the stage and (5) Available Community Resources (**presentation only**). (**No Internet sources** to be cited in paper except for journal articles – APA referencing required). A minimum of 5 peer reviewed articles is required for the paper. .... **Value 20%**  
**Paper/Presentation Outline Due: October 11th, 2011**  
**Paper Due: November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011**
- In class presentation of critical research paper (30 minutes)**
  - A thorough investigation of a disabling condition from a life span approach. Research may be obtained (outline due October 11th, 2011 ) through the Internet, Medline, Psychlit, health network, local associations, research centers, online groups, etc. (See disability research paper for areas that must be included). Marks will be based on content, clarity, participation and the handout.
  - Prepare a short 1-2 page information sheet/brochure on information/current trends to be handed out to the class (Internet articles acceptable for brochures)..... **Value: 20%**  
**Paper/Presentation Outline Due: October 11th, 2011**
- Exam** - Multiple-choice & short-answer exam on class lectures, handouts, weekly readings and in-class presentations..... **Value: 20%**  
**Exam: December 6, 2011**

## Weekly Schedule

### September 13

Introduction to the course and overview of lifespan disabling conditions from the family perspective and current service approaches & overview of Service delivery

**September 20**

Visit to Service Provider –**No Class**

**September 27**

Major developmental theories and current research

**Paper on visit due October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**October 4**

Children with special needs: current theories and research & Inclusive Education

**October 11**

Family perspective and interviewing families and individuals.

**Paper/Presentation/paper outline due**

**Service Provider Interview paper due**

**October 18**

Adult on-set conditions/ current theories and research

**October 25**

Adult on-set conditions/ current theories and research

**November 1**

Seniors with disabling conditions: current theories and research

**November 8**

Poverty, Housing and Homelessness

**Book Review papers due**

**November 15**

Presentations on specific disabling conditions (30 minutes)

**November 22**

Presentations on specific disabling conditions (30 minutes)

**November 29**

Presentations on specific disabling conditions (30 minutes)

**Research papers due**

**Preparation for exam**

**December 6**

**Exam**

## Marking Scheme

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| 95 – 100 | A+ | 80 – 84 | B+ | 65 – 69 | C+ | 50 – 54  | D+ |
| 90 – 94  | A  | 75 – 79 | B  | 60 – 64 | C  | 45 – 49  | D  |
| 85 – 89  | A- | 70 – 74 | B- | 55 – 59 | C- | Below 44 | F  |

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR FALL 2011

The last day to change or drop a course - **September 23, 2011**

The last day to pay balance of fees - **September 30, 2011**

The last day to withdraw - **December 9, 2011**

All assignments will be held at the Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies office for only one (1) year after the last day of term.

**Academic Accommodation:** Students with a disability, who require academic accommodation, need to register with the Disability Resource Centre <http://www.ucalgary.ca/UofC/Others/DRC> MC 295, telephone 220-8237. Academic accommodation letters need to be provided to course instructors no later than fourteen (14) days after the first day of class. ***It is a student's responsibility to register with the Disability Resource Centre and to request academic accommodation, if required.***

**IMPORTANT:** Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. Consequently, plagiarism or cheating on any assignment is regarded as an extremely serious academic offence. Students should examine sections of the University Calendar that present a Statement of Intellectual Honesty and definitions and penalties associated with Plagiarism/Cheating/and Other Academic Misconduct.

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- Order by Phone: (403) 220-5937; Toll Free: 1-877-220-5937
- In Person: Go to the University of Calgary Bookstore, MacEwan Student Centre, Room 155, 2500 University Drive NW, Calgary, AB T2N 1N4