

# FCS 2570 ONLINE:

## Development, Learning and Motivation during Middle Childhood

### “the elementary school years”

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Middle childhood refers to the elementary school years (ages 6 - 12). These years are among the most influential in a child's life. The path a child starts in early elementary school will likely follow the child throughout middle school, high school and adult life. This includes physical, cognitive and socio-emotional development, patterns, expectations and skills. During elementary school children learn crucial academic abilities, relational abilities and physical abilities.



#### **Sample Topics:**

- The influence of media (marketing and violence)
- Academic expectations (too little or too much?)
- Kid's sports (Competitiveness, coaches and parents)
- Bullying and friendships
- Gender relationships and developing pre-adolescents
- Communication (how we praise and encourage kids)

#### **Course Requirements:**

The course is organized in THREE sections (physical development, cognitive development and socio-emotional development). An exam is held at the end of each section. Each week students will be assigned reading. Each reading is accompanied by notes that help direct students to key elements in the readings. **All coursework is completed online.**

**Students are expected to read each week's reading and stay current with all assignments.**

- Open Responses (4): 300-500 word analysis papers. Students select from a weekly list of topics.
- Exams (3): Exams are online and open-note. Students have 50 minutes to answer 50 multiple choice questions.
- Application in Learning Paper (1). AIL's are observation reports. Students will interact with middle childhood kids through interviewing or observation and report on their experience. Students select from a list of 9 possible topics.
- Discussion Postings (2): Students must post two comments to the discussion board at some time during the semester.