

FCS 2570 ONLINE:

Development, Learning and Motivation during Middle Childhood “the elementary school years”

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Textbook: None. All readings are available online

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 pre-adolescence
- 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 (3):** Analysis papers, 300 – 500 words. Students select from a weekly list of topics and must submit one paper per section of study.
- **Discussion Postings (6):** Application and discussion comments to an assigned discussion group.
- **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.
- **Exams (3):** Exams are online, open-note, and timed.