

Parent-Child Relationships -- FCS 3270

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AEB 320

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Course Description

This course will explore important dimensions of parenting across the life span, including historical, cultural and biological factors that influence the evolving relationship between parents and children. We will talk about a great variety of topics. What are the joys and challenges of becoming a parent? How have perceptions of children and parenting changed over time? How can parents stimulate children's interest and motivation to learn? What is more important for positive child outcomes – nature or nurture? How can parents help children adjust to divorce? What is the influence of parental work? How does puberty and cognitive maturation affect parent-adolescent communication? These are a few of the many topics we will explore.

This is not a "how to" class on parenting, although it should provide useful information for improving the quality of family life.

If you have any questions about this course, please call or send an email.