

# SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO



## COURSE OUTLINE

**COURSE TITLE:** Psycho-Social Approach to Human Development  
**CODE NO. :** PSY218 **SEMESTER:** Winter  
**PROGRAM:** Social Services Worker, Social Services Worker – Native  
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**CHAIR, COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

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**DATE**

**TOTAL CREDITS:** 3  
**PREREQUISITE(S):** PSY102  
**HOURS/WEEK:** 3

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**I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course draws on the psychosocial approach to understanding the life span. Students will identify and understand the life span and the associated developmental stages of individuals and families. The social work profession recognizes the interaction of biological, psychological and societal systems on the mastery of developmental tasks. Students develop skills in assessing and responding to developmental situations individuals and families may experience.

**II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Describe the ecological systems and developmental frameworks as conceptual guideposts.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Understand the recurring issues in development
- Explain the biopsychosocial framework
- List and describe the 2 purposes of developmental theories

2. Explain how the individual, family and societal contexts contribute to vulnerability and risk over the human life cycle and those factors that protect and provide resiliency against such risks and vulnerability.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Explain how prenatal development is influenced by a pregnant woman's age, her nutrition and stress
- Identify diseases, drugs and environmental hazards that can affect prenatal development
- Describe the Apgar Score and SIDS

3. Interpret and apply the basic principles of development and human behaviour theories in the analysis of individual and family dynamics.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Understand the psychosocial approach: the interaction of the biological, psychological and societal system
- Identify the factors which influence the components of infancy, childhood, adolescence and adulthood

4. Demonstrate the ability to create differential change strategies by incorporating knowledge of unique cultural characteristics such as ethnicity, class, gender, abuse, sexual orientation, and physical/mental challenges to their understanding of human development.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Discuss and relate observation of and personal reflection on children and adults in everyday settings (journals, observation papers, small group work) and how these may affect a person's life course
5. Identify historical, cultural and familial differences in life span expectations and in socialization processes which relate to their own development.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Provide an opportunity to develop effective peer interaction (dyad partners, small group discussion)
6. Debate the ethical issues involved in research on life cycle events.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Identify and discuss current theories on adulthood and aging

**III. TOPICS:**

1. The Psycho-Social Approach to Human Development
2. Foundations of Human Development
3. School Age Children and Adolescents
4. Young and Middle Adulthood
5. The Final Passage "Living Responsibly in an Interdependent World"

**IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:**

Human Development: A Life Span View (2009) 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Edition by Robert V. Kail, John C. Cavanaugh, Christine A. Ateah, Nelson Thomson Publishing

Students will be responsible for obtaining any course materials **missed** due to absenteeism and for **regular attendance** and **class participation** in all areas of the course, as well as all supplemental lecture notes, readings and **tests as requested**. The course content and evaluation system can be modified at the discretion of the professor.

Students will be responsible for the **College Decorum handout**. This will be distributed the second or third week of classes.

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

**MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS AND TESTING**

The final course grade will be determined as follows:

1. Quizzes/Tests	= 60%
2. Assignments	= 30%
3. Attendance and Participation	= 10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 100%</b>

Late assignments and/or absence from group work or in-class assignments or oral presentations **will not be rescheduled**. A zero grade will be earned by the student.

Be responsible by being present and submitting assignments on time with all tests and assignments completed as requested.

**METHOD OF ASSESSMENT (GRADING METHOD)**

**Special Notes Related to Test-Taking Policy:**

If a test is missed due to *verifiable* illness or incident, the professor will determine if the student is eligible for a rescheduling of the test. The student is ultimately responsible and is obligated to *contact the professor* by phone, in person or in writing **prior** to test time. The College touch-tone, 24-hour voice-mail service allows you to immediately notify the professor. Leave your name, message and phone number.

Upon returning to the College (i.e. your first day back), the student is required to ***immediately*** contact the professor to make arrangements for the assignment or test. Phone or come by the professor's office, or leave a note under his/her office door with a telephone number where you can be reached. **Failure to do so will result in a zero grade on the missed test.**

Notification Policy in brief: **Mutual Respect, Courtesy and Accountability**

**All tests and assignments are to be written or completed in the PSY218 scheduled class times. Students are to read and review the College Decorum document which is discussed the second week of classes.**

Test dates will be announced at least **one week** prior to the test dates or **earlier**. Students are responsible for this information if absent for that class period.

The following semester grades will be assigned to students in post-secondary courses:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Grade Point Equivalent</u>
A+	90 – 100%	4.00
A	80 – 89%	
B	70 - 79%	3.00
C	60 - 69%	2.00
D	50 – 59%	1.00
F (Fail)	49% and below	0.00
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field /clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field/clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
X	A temporary grade limited to situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course.	
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office.	
W	Student has withdrawn from the course without academic penalty.	

**Note:**

For such reasons as program certification or program articulation, certain courses require minimums of greater than 50% and/or have mandatory components to achieve a passing grade.

It is also important to note, that the minimum overall GPA required in order to graduate from a Sault College program remains 2.0.

Mid Term grades are provided in theory classes and clinical/field placement experiences. Students are notified that the midterm grade is an interim grade and is subject to change.

**VI. SPECIAL NOTES:**

Course Outline Amendments:

The professor reserves the right to change the information contained in this course outline depending on the needs of the learner and the availability of resources.

Retention of Course Outlines:

It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in acquiring advanced standing at other postsecondary institutions.

Prior Learning Assessment:

Students who wish to apply for advance credit transfer (advanced standing) should obtain an Application for Advance Credit from the program coordinator (or the course coordinator regarding a general education transfer request) or academic assistant. Students will be required to provide an unofficial transcript and course outline related to the course in question. Please refer to the Student Academic Calendar of Events for the deadline date by which application must be made for advance standing.

Credit for prior learning will also be given upon successful completion of a challenge exam or portfolio.

Substitute course information is available in the Registrar's office.

Disability Services:

If you are a student with a disability (e.g. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, or learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with your professor and/or the Disability Services office. Visit Room E1101 or call Extension 2703 so that support services can be arranged for you.

Communication:

The College considers **WebCT/LMS** as the primary channel of communication for each course. Regularly checking this software platform is critical as it will keep you directly connected with faculty and current course information. Success in this course may be directly related to your willingness to take advantage of the **Learning Management System** communication tool.

Plagiarism:

Students should refer to the definition of "academic dishonesty" in *Student Code of Conduct*. A professor/instructor may assign a sanction as defined below, or make recommendations to the Academic Chair for disposition of the matter. The professor/instructor may:

- (i) issue a verbal reprimand,
- (ii) make an assignment of a lower grade with explanation,
- (iii) require additional academic assignments and issue a lower grade upon completion to the maximum grade "C",
- (iv) make an automatic assignment of a failing grade,
- (v) recommend to the Chair dismissal from the course with the assignment of a failing grade.

In order to protect students from inadvertent plagiarism, to protect the copyright of the material referenced, and to credit the author of the material, it is the policy of the department to employ a documentation format for referencing source material.

Student Portal:

The Sault College portal allows you to view all your student information in one place. **mysaultcollege** gives you personalized access to online resources seven days a week from your home or school computer. Single log-in access allows you to see your personal and financial information, timetable, grades, records of achievement, unofficial transcript, and outstanding obligations. Announcements, news, the academic calendar of events, class cancellations, your learning management system (LMS), and much more are also accessible through the student portal. Go to <https://my.saultcollege.ca>.

Electronic Devices in the Classroom:

Students who wish to use electronic devices in the classroom will seek permission of the faculty member before proceeding to record instruction. With the exception of issues related to accommodations of disability, the decision to approve or refuse the request is the responsibility of the faculty member. Recorded classroom instruction will be used only for personal use and will not be used for any other purpose. Recorded classroom instruction will be destroyed at the end of the course. To ensure this, the student is required to return all copies of recorded material to the faculty member by the last day of class in the semester. Where the use of an electronic device has been approved, the student agrees that materials recorded are for his/her use only, are not for distribution, and are the sole property of the College.

Attendance:

Sault College is committed to student success. There is a direct correlation between academic performance and class attendance; therefore, for the benefit of all its constituents, all students are encouraged to attend all of their scheduled learning and evaluation sessions. This implies arriving on time and remaining for the duration of the scheduled session.

- VII. Please turn cell phones off during exams and class hours. Arrive on time for class and tests as no late entries are allowed.
  
- VIII. Students who request alternate locations/circumstances for tests/evaluations to be done must **submit the forms within 48 hours** after the test is announced. Please discuss individual concerns with the instructor within this time frame. Failure to do so, will not guarantee the test to be written.