CHFM 3755 - Parenting

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Course Description

3755. Parenting. An examination of parent-child relationships from both a developmental and contextual perspective. Topics include parenting patterns and strategies, parent-child relations as a function of development, and the role of culture and context in the negotiation of roles in parent-child interactions. Prereq.: PSYC 1560 and SOC 1500. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Parenting A Dynamic Perspective		

Holden, G.W. (2025) Parenting A Dynamic Perspective, 4th Edition, Sage Publishing

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	None	Course Introduction	Student Introdiuctions are due 8/28
8/31	Chapter 1	From Beliefs to Scientific Evidence	Quiz 1 is due 9/6 Family Dynamics Journal is due 9/6
9/7	Chapter 2	Theoretical Perspectives on Parenting	Quiz 2 is due 9/13 Theorist Assignment is due 9/17
9/14	Chapter 3	Determinants of Parenting	Quiz 3 is due 9/20 Discussion: Determinants of Parenting is due 9/20
9/21	Chapter 4	Becoming a Parent	Quiz 4 is due 9/27 Discussion: New Parents is due on 9/27
9/28	Chapter 5	Parenting Infants and Toddlers	Quiz 5 is due 10/4 Babies Journal is due 10/4
10/5	Chapter 6	Parenting Preschoolers	Quiz 6 is due 10/11
10/12	Chapter 7	Parenting During Middle Childhood	Quiz 7 is due 10/18 Judith Harris: How Much Do Parents Matter? is due 10/18
10/19	Chapter 8	Parenting Adolescents	Quiz 8 is due 10/25
10/26	Chapter 9	Parenting Adult Children	Quiz 9 is due 11/1 Helping Our Parents is due 11/1

11/2	Chapter 10	Contemporary Parenting	Quiz 10 is due 11/8
11/9	Chapter 11	Parents at Risk	Quiz 11 is due 11/15
11/16	Chapter 12	Child Maltreatment	Quiz 12 is due 11/22
11/23	None	Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving DIscussion is due on 11/29
11/30	Chapter 13	Social Policy	Quiz 13 is due 12/6
12/7	None	Finals Week	Philosophy of Parenting is due 12/9

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