

SCWK 2642 - Human Behavior and the Social Environment for Social Workers 1

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 02, CRN 43830,

Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

2642. Human Behavior and the Social Environment for Social Workers 1. A general social systems approach as a conceptual framework to the understanding of culture and society, communities, organizations, groups, families, and individuals as they develop over the lifespan. Application of theory and research to social work. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Dimensions of Human behavior: The Changing Life Course (7th Ed)	Hutchinson, E.D.; Charlesworth, L.W.	978-1071831595

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

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Mon	8/24		Introduction and Review of Syllabus Theories of Development	
Mon	8/31	Chapter 1	Life Course Perspective	Due 8/31 before 3:40:19pm: In Class Discussion 1 - Reply
Mon	9/7	No Class		
Mon	9/14	Chapter 2	Conception, Pregnancy, and Childbirth	Due 9/14 before 3:40:45pm: In Class Discussion 2 - Reply
Mon	9/21	Chapter 3	Infancy & Toddlerhood *Exam Review	
Mon	9/28	Chapter 4	EXAM 1 in Blackboard Early Childhood	Due 9/28 at 1:15pm: Exam 1
Mon	10/5	Chapter 5	Middle Childhood	Due 10/5 before 3:40:45pm: In Class Discussion 3 - Reply



Mon	10/12	Chapter 6	Adolescence *Exam Review	
Mon	10/19	Chapter 7	EXAM 2 In Blackboard Young Adulthood	Due 10/19 at 1:15pm: Exam 2
Mon	10/26	Chapter 8	Middle Adulthood	
Mon	11/2	Chapter 9	Late Adulthood	Due 11/2 before 3:40:45pm: In Class Discussion 4 - Reply
Mon	11/9	Chapter 10	Very Late Adulthood In-Class Time for Developmental Lifespan Paper	
Mon	11/16	Chapter 10 (continued)	Very Late Adulthood (continued) In-Class Time for Developmental Lifespan Paper	Due 11/16 before 3:40:45pm: In Class Discussion 5 - Reply
Mon	11/23	Current Lifespan Articles- provided in blackboard	Course Review In-Class Time for Lifespan Presentation	Due 11/23 at 1pm: Developmental Life Span Paper
Mon	11/30		Developmental Powerpoint Presentations *Exam Review	Due 11/30 at 3pm: Life Stage PowerPoint presentation Due 11/30 before 3:40:45pm: In Class Discussion 6 - Reply
Mon	12/7		FINAL EXAM in Blackboard	Due 12/7 at 1:15pm: Exam 3 (final) Due 12/7 at 3:30pm: Attendance/Participation

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