

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

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Credit hours: 3

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All email communication will be responded to within 48 hours, from Monday to Friday, from 8 am – 5 pm. Grading will be completed in Blackboard within a week of student completion and submission

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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	Hutchison, E.D. (2025). Dimensions of Human Behavior: The Changing Life Course. 7th ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.		

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Required Text

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The book can be purchased through the bookstore.

Additional Course Materials

Additional assigned readings and videos are embedded in the course.

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Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
5/11	Syllabus	Introduction and Review of Syllabus & Blackboard Materials (mandatory orientation) Discussion 1	Discussion 1 introduction
5/18	Life Course Perspective Readings: Chapter 1	Life Course Perspective Readings: Chapter 1 Discussion 2 Developmental Assignment 1	Discussion 2 Developmental Assignment 1
5/25	Conception, Pregnancy, and Childbirth Reading: Chapter 2	Conception, Pregnancy, and Childbirth Reading: Chapter 2 Discussion 3 Developmental Assignment 2	Discussion 3 Developmental Assignment 2
6/1	Infancy & Toddlerhood Readings: Chapter 3	Infancy & Toddlerhood Readings: Chapter 3 *Exam #1* Discussion 4 Developmental Assignment 3	Discussion 4 Developmental Assignment 3
6/8	Early Childhood Readings: Ch. 4	Early Childhood Readings: Ch. 4 Discussion 5	Discussion 5
6/15	Middle Childhood Readings: Ch. 5	Middle Childhood Readings: Ch. 5, Discussion 6 Developmental Assignment 4	Discussion 6 Developmental Assignment 4
6/22	Adolescence Readings: Ch.6 ,	Adolescence Readings: Ch.6 , *Exam #2* Developmental Assignment 5	*Exam #2* Developmental Assignment 5
6/29	Young Adulthood Readings: Ch. 7.	Young Adulthood Readings: Ch. 7. Discussion 7 Developmental Assignment 6	Discussion 7 Developmental Assignment 6
7/6	Middle Adulthood Readings: Ch. 8 Movie Reflection Paper	Middle Adulthood Readings: Ch. 8 Movie Reflection Paper	Middle Adulthood Readings: Ch. 8 Movie Reflection Paper
7/13	Readings: Ch. 9	Late Adulthood Readings: Ch. 9 Exam #3 Discussion 8 Developmental Assignment 7	Discussion 8 Developmental Assignment 7
7/20	*Developmental Life Stage Paper	*Developmental Life Stage Paper DUE* Discussion 9 Developmental Assignment 8	*Developmental Life Stage Paper DUE* Discussion 9 Developmental Assignment 8
7/27	Readings: Ch. 10	Very Late Adulthood Readings: Ch. 10 Developmental Assignment 9	Developmental Assignment 9
8/3	Developmental Life Stage PowerPoint Presentations	Developmental Life Stage PowerPoint Presentations, Discussion 10 Developmental Assignment 10	Developm Discussion 10 Developmental Assignment 10
8/10	Final Weeks	Final Weeks	Final Weeks

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