College of the Redwoods

Syllabus for ECE 2: Child Growth and Development

Course Information

Semester & Year: Spring 2025
Course ID and Section number: ECE-2-V7683
Instructor's name: Dr. Darius Kalvaitis
Location: online
Course units: 3

Instructor Contact Information

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Catalog Description

Examines the major physical, cognitive, social and emotional developmental milestones for children from conception through adolescence. Emphasis on interactions between maturational processes and environmental factors. Students will observe children, evaluate individual differences, and analyze characteristics of development at various stages according to developmental theories.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

1. Describe development of children from conception through adolescence in the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive domains.
2. Identify cultural, economic, political, and historical contexts that impact children's development.
3. Apply knowledge of development and major theoretical frameworks to child observations.

Textbook & Other Materials

Understanding the Whole Child: Prenatal Development through Adolescence

By: Jennifer Paris, Antoinette Ricardo, & Dawn Rymond

Textbook will be provided as a PDF in Canvas. No outside text is needed. You can also purchase a hardcopy at: buy a hard copy of the book

Also in Spanish! -

Libro: Desarrollo y crecimiento en la niñez (Paris, Ricardo, Rymond y Johnson)
Compra una copia de este libro
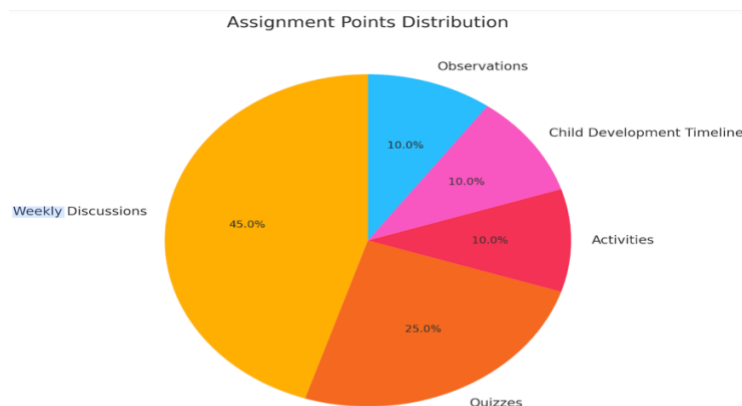
Prerequisites/corequisites/ recommended preparation

None

The instructor reserves the right to adjust the contents of the syllabus and assignments to meet class and student needs

Evaluation & Grading Policy

Assignment	Points %	Description	Details	Student Learning Outcomes
Weekly Discussions (15) Due each and every week. Get in the habbit of this as it is a mainstay of our class.	15X3= 45%	There are 15 of these. In class participate or virtually Post each (and every) week and Reply to at least 2 students each week	**Post your response to the prompt.** Weekly postings are a minimum of 250 to 350 words in length and must reflect an understanding of the written (text, lecture, and articles) materials, critical thinking on the topics and citations from the materials you read that support your views (text, articles, lectures). You must cite from the readings (not just the lecture) in your initial weekly post. You will provide page numbers and author's name in your citations.) You must also relate the readings to your personal life and work experiences. **Reply to at least 2 other students** Responses are a minimum of 100 words and must thoughtfully discuss the ideas presented in the post to which you are responding.	
Quizzes Due every 2-3 weeks and based on the readings and lectures.	5x5= 25%	There will be a total of 5 quizes.	These will mostly be multiple-choice and true and false with some short answers. The quizzes are times but open book/note and you can usually take them twice and the highest grade will be recorded.	**SLO 2:** Identify cultural, economic, political, and historical contexts that impact

				children's development.
Activities Short activities on interesting and relevant topics in our curriculum.	2X5= 10%	2 short activities to help you understand the content.	There will be two different activities throughout the term. These could be short papers or projects look for specific detail details in the canvas shell.	
Child Development Timeline Due near end of the class	1x10= 10%	This is one of the main assignments for the class where you were able to show your understanding of development in multiple domains.	The child development timeline assignment is to gauge your understanding of child development from conception to adolescence. You will be creating a visual representation of the entire spectrum of development for children. There will be samples provided, and guidance given in Canvas.	**SLO 1:** Describe development of children from conception through adolescence in the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive domains.
Observations Observe children and learn	2X5= 10%	2 observations will be completed either virtually or in person.	These observations will allow you to connect theory with practice and provide an opportunity for you to observe what we're learning this semester.	**SLO 3:** Apply knowledge of development and major theoretical frameworks to child observations.
Total	**100%**	It all adds up to 100% - see grade calculations below to see what letter grade you will receive.		

Assignment Points Distribution

Grade Calculations

Your final grade will be based on the total points you have earned throughout the semester. After each assignment is graded your point value will be posted into the Canvas grade book. You will be able to keep track of your total points throughout the semester at the course Canvas site. Grading rubrics are available for each weekly forum.

Points can only be earned by completing the above assignments by the deadline. <u>There will be no extra credit available.</u>

A grade of "C" is considered "satisfactory, a "B" is good and an "A" is excellent.

My grading criteria is based on the belief that meeting the basic assignment criteria is satisfactory so a "C". To earn a grade higher a student must reach beyond the basics and do more than the basic assignment criteria.

An excellent student demonstrates initiative. The difference between doing what is spelled out in the assignment and thinking about how to deepen the assignment what demonstrates excellence. By taking it to the next level you are demonstrating your advanced leaning and commitment to excelling.

Assignments are due by 11:59 P.M. on the due date given. Late assignments are accepted for up to two weeks after the due date (except assignments due within two weeks of the end of the semester) but will be graded down a full letter grade for each week or portion of a week. After two weeks' assignments, will not be accepted.

Course Grade* 94 to 100 =   A
90 to 93.99 =   A-
86 to 89.99 =   B+
83 to 85.99 =   B
80 to 82.99 =   B-
76 to 79.99 =   C+
70 to 75.99 =   C
60 to 69.99 =   D*
0 to 59.99 =   F

*Please remember that Community Care Licensing and the Commission on Teacher Credentialing only accept grades of "C" or better. Although a "D" grade is considered passing, it will not meet the requirements to be a fully qualified Title 22 program director or to earn a child development permit. Students may be dropped from the course at the faculty's discretion if you have failed to log into the course and submit assignments or post into the discussion forums for over two weeks or if the points attained indicate that you are failing the class. Please reach out to me if you have a situation where you are not able to participate on a regular basis due to a documentable reason and I will work with you to find a solution.

Spring 2025 Dates

See our Canvas ECE -1 site assignment and other class deadlines

Date	To Remember
January 17	Last day to register for classes (day before the first class meeting)
January 18	Classes begin
January 20	Martin Luther King's Birthday (All Campuses Closed)
January 24	Last Day to add a class
January 31	Last Day to Drop & Receive a Refund
February 2	**Last Day to Drop w/out a "W"**
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May 30	Grades Available for Transcript Release

Educational Accessibility & Support

College of the Redwoods is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for qualified students who could benefit from additional educational support and services. You may qualify if you have a physical, mental, sensory, or intellectual condition which causes you to struggle academically, including but not limited to:

- Mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, PTSD, or bipolar disorder
- Common ailments such as arthritis, asthma, diabetes, autoimmune disorders, and diseases
- Temporary impairments such as a broken bone, recovery from significant surgery, or a pregnancy-related disability
- Neurodevelopmental disorders such as a learning disability, intellectual disability, autism, acquired brain injury, or ADHD
- Vision, hearing, or mobility conditions

Available services include extended test time, quiet testing environments, academic assistance and tutoring through the [LIGHT Center](#), counseling and advising, alternate formats of course materials (e.g., audio books, braille, E-texts), assistive technology, learning disability assessments, approval for personal attendants, interpreters, priority registration, on-campus transportation, adaptive physical education and living skills courses, and more. If you believe you might benefit from disability- or health-related services and accommodations, please contact [Student Accessibility Support Services (SASS)](#). If you are unsure whether you qualify, please contact Student Accessibility Support Services (SASS) for a consultation: sass@redwoods.edu.

SASS office locations and phone numbers
Eureka campus
- Phone: 707-476-4280
- Location: Student Services building, first floor SS113
Del Norte campus
- Phone: 707-465-2353
- Location: main building, near the Library
Klamath-Trinity campus
- Phone: 707-476-4280

Student Support Services

Good information and clear communication about your needs will help you be successful. Please let your instructor know about any specific challenges or technology limitations that might affect your participation in class. College of the Redwoods wants every student to be successful.

The following online resources are available to support your success as a student:

[CR Online Learning Support](#)

Tech support, laptop loans, guides to using Canvas, installing Office 365 for free, and more.

[Library Articles & Databases](#)

Find the best library databases for your research.

[Online Tutoring Resources](#)

Participate in tutoring over Zoom.

To learn more about the resources available to you, click on a title bar below, or click the down arrow to expand them all.

Klamath-Trinity students can contact the CR Klamath-Trinity Office for specific information about student support services at 530-625-4821.

Community College Student Health and Wellness

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

If you are in distress or are with someone at risk right now, call or text the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Text the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
741-741

Timely Care

When you're not feeling well physically or distressed mentally, Timely Care can offer the help you're looking for in just a few quick taps. Students can schedule an appointment anytime via phone, video, and chat. Log in or set up an account with Timely Care.

Mental Health Counseling

Students should text, email, or fax Shawna Bell directly for scheduling and/or services.

- Text: 707-496-2856
- Email: shawnabmft@gmail.com
- Fax and voicemail: 707-237-2318

Wellness Central

Resources, tools, and trainings regarding health, mental health, wellness, basic needs and more designed for California community college students, faculty and staff are available on the California Community Colleges Wellness Central.

Counseling

Counseling and Advising can assist students in need of academic advising and professional counseling services. Call, email or stop by one of our offices to make an appointment!

Counseling and Advising office locations and contact info

Eureka campus
- Phone: 707-476-4150

- Location: Student Services Building, first floor
- Email: counseling@redwood.edu
- Hours: Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm. Summer hours may vary

Del Norte campus
- Phone: 707-476-2300
- Location: Main Building, next to the library
- Hours: Summer hours may vary

Klamath-Trinity campus
- Phone: 530-625-4821
- Email: KT-staff@redwoods.edu
- Hours: Summer hours may vary

Basic Needs Center

Basic Needs Center provides for the health and safety of students by providing access to healthy food, financial resources, and referrals to safe and secure housing. Submit a request for services and information.

Basic Needs Center contact info
- Phone: 707-476-4153
- Email: the-grove@redwoods.edu

Learning Resource Center

The Learning Resource Center includes the following resources for students:

Library Services

Introduction - Library Services for Students - LibGuides at College of the Redwoods promotes information literacy and provides organized information resources.

Multicultural and Equity Center (MCE)

The Multicultural and Equity Center is a dynamic and inclusive place that supports all students in their academic and personal journeys at the college. We do this by creating community, home away from home, and a safe place for cultural expression, cross-cultural learning, access to college and dignity resources, and social justice work opportunities. The MEC is committed to retention and student success by offering activities related to leadership development, student connectedness and student equity. We are a student-centered program that fosters respect for all people.

Academic Support Center

The Academic Support Center offers tutoring and test proctoring for CR students.

Student Tech Help

Technical Support provides students with assistance around a variety of tech problems.

Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)

EOPS/CARE (EOPS) provides services to eligible income disadvantaged students including: textbook awards, grants, career academic and personal counseling, transportation assistance, tutoring, laptop, calculator and textbook loans, priority registration, graduation cap and gown, workshops, and more!

TRiO Student Success Program

The TRiO Student Support Services Program provides eligible students with a variety of services including academic advising, career assessments, assistance with transfer, and peer mentoring. Students can apply for the program with the Eureka TRiO office or the Del Norte TRiO office.

Veterans Resource Center

The Veterans Resource Center supports and facilitates academic success for Active Duty Military, Veterans and Dependents attending CR through relational advising, mentorship, transitional assistance, and coordination of military and Veteran-specific resources.

CalWORKS

California Work Opportunity & Responsibility to Kids (CalWorks) provides supportive services to student parents with children under the age of 18, who are receiving cash assistance (TANF benefits), to become self-sufficient. Services include: transportation assistance, basic student supplies, tutoring, priority registration, laptop and calculator loans, career, academic, and personal counseling, and more!

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Academic dishonesty

In the academic community, the high value placed on truth implies a corresponding intolerance of scholastic dishonesty. In cases involving academic dishonesty, determination of the grade and of the student's status in the course is left primarily to the discretion of the faculty member. In such cases, where the instructor determines that a student has demonstrated academic dishonesty, the student may receive a failing grade for the assignment and/or exam and may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct (AP 5500) is available on the College of the Redwoods website. Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the 2024-2025 College Catalog and CR Board and Administrative Policies.

AI Use Class Policy

Written with help from AI – *

Advancements in generative AI, like ChatGPT and Google's Bard, offer tools that can aid learning but may hinder critical and creative thinking if overused. AI outputs can be unreliable and biased.

In this ECE class, you can use AI to help you learn and write. However, you must be transparent with this!

Therefore, disclose any use of AI at the beginning of your writing

for this class. Like I did above * (**Written with AI)-**

You are responsible for the content you submit, so review AI-generated outputs for accuracy, bias, appropriateness, and alignment with your perspective.

We as CR instructors have tools to detect AI use in your submitted assignments. Please disclose any AI assistance used.

Disruptive Behavior

Student behavior or speech that disrupts the instructional setting will not be tolerated. Disruptive conduct may include, but is not limited to: unwarranted interruptions; failure to adhere to instructor's directions; vulgar or obscene language; slurs or other forms of intimidation; and physically or verbally abusive behavior. In such cases where the instructor determines that a student has disrupted the educational process, a disruptive student may be temporarily removed from class. In addition, the student may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the 2024-2025 College Catalog and CR Board and Administrative Policies.

Inclusive Language in the Classroom

College of the Redwoods aspires to create a learning environment in which all people feel comfortable in contributing their perspectives to classroom discussions. It therefore encourages instructors and students to use language that is inclusive and respectful.

Canvas Information

- Log into Canvas at My CR Portal
- For help logging in to Canvas and general tech help, visit Canvas Support Home
- Once you're logged in to Canvas, you click on the Help icon on the left menu
- Canvas online orientation workshop: Canvas Student Orientation Course

Setting Your Preferred Name and Pronouns in Canvas

Students have the ability to display personal pronouns and an alternate first name in Canvas. Students may change their pronouns on their own in Canvas (Account :: Settings :: Edit Settings). To request a change to your preferred list name, contact Admissions and Records. Your Preferred Name will only be listed in Canvas; this does not change your legal name in our records. See the Student Information Update form-2022.pdf.

Emergency Procedures / Everbridge

College of the Redwoods has implemented an emergency alert system called Everbridge. In the event of an emergency on campus you will receive an alert through your personal email and/or

phones. Registration is not necessary in order to receive emergency alerts. Check to make sure your contact information is up-to-date by logging into [WebAdvisor](#) and selecting 'Students' then 'Academic Profile' then 'Current Information Update.'

Please contact Public Safety at 707-476-4112 or [campus-safety@redwoods.edu](#) if you have any questions. For more information visit [Campus Safety](#). Please review the [EurekaEmergencyMap_S24.pdf](#) for campus evacuation sites, including the closet site to this classroom (posted by the exit of each room).

In an emergency that requires an evacuation of the building anywhere in the District:

- Be aware of all marked exits from your area and building
- Once outside, move to the nearest evacuation point outside your building
- Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel

Do not leave campus, unless it has been deemed safe by the campus authorities.

To learn more about campus-specific Emergency Procedures, click on a title bar below, or click the down arrow to expand them all.

Del Norte Campus Emergency Procedures

Please review the [Crescent City campus emergency map](#) for campus evacuation sites, including the closest site to this classroom (posted by the exit of each room). For more information, visit [Campus Safety](#).

Klamath-Trinity Campus Emergency Procedures

Please review the responsibilities of, and procedures used by, the College of the Redwoods, Klamath Trinity Instructional Site (KTIS) to communicate to faculty, staff, students and the general public during an emergency. It is the responsibility of College of the Redwoods, Klamath-Trinity Instructional Site (KTIS) to protect life and property from the effects of emergency situations within its own jurisdiction.
In the event of an emergency, communication shall be the responsibility of the district employees on scene:

1. Dial 911, to notify local agency support such as law enforcement or fire services.
2. If safe to do so, notify key administrators, departments, and personnel.
3. If safe to do so, personnel shall relay threat information, warnings, to ensure the school community is notified.
4. Contact 530-625-4821 to notify of situation.
5. Contact Hoopa Tribal Education Administration office 530-625-4413
6. Notify Public Safety 707-476-4111.

In the event of an emergency, the responsible district employee on the scene will:

1. Follow established procedures for the specific emergency as outlined in the College of the Redwoods Emergency Procedure Booklet.
2. Lock all doors and turn off lights if in lockdown due to an active shooter or similar emergency.
3. Close all window curtains.

4. Get all inside to safe location Kitchen area is best internal location.
5. If a police officer or higher official arrives, they will assume command.
6. Wait until notice of all is clear before unlocking doors.
7. If safe to do so, move to the nearest evacuation point outside building (Pooky's Park), directly
   behind the Hoopa Tribal Education Building.
8. Do not leave site, unless it has been deemed safe by the person in command.