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DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
EDUCATION 01
The Learning Brain: Introduction to Child Development and Education

General Information

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Class Time: (10A slot) Tuesday & Thursday, 10:10-12:00
X-hour: Wednesday 3:30-4:20
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Location: TBA

Course Description

Education, development, and learning are inextricably intertwined. In this course, we will explore how pre-Kindergarten through high school education is informed by scientific evidence across multiple domains. Topics to be explored may include the educational system in America; the research-to-practice gap and educational misconceptions; social, emotional, and motivational development in school context; memory, strategies, metacognition, and assessment as related to learning; and learning and teaching in early math, science, and reading.

Course Goals

• To not only become familiar with, but also begin to develop a deeper understanding of, a wide range of concepts related to learning, development, and teaching.

• To begin to apply interdisciplinary, empirical evidence to construct and use your own model of learning, development, and teaching.

Course Requirements

1. Readings
There is no textbook for this class. Course readings have been carefully selected to help you build a knowledge base concerning learning, development, and teaching – to which we will add to in class. Therefore, it is required that you complete all readings before each class meeting. All readings are available through the course Canvas site.

2. Attendance and Participation
Class attendance and participation are expected. They are fundamental to learning. Please note: if you must miss a class, it is your responsibility to complete the readings, borrow notes from a classmate, review the power point slides, and acquire any other materials used that day.
3. Research Participation Assignment
 Participating in an education research study will allow you to reflect on where evidence comes from and how it is collected, by experiencing (or imagining) what it is like to provide that evidence. This assignment can be submitted to me any time before our last class meeting. However, I strongly encourage you to complete the assignment well before the end of term, especially as labs can be booked by the end of term. This assignment has two options (choose only one):

Option 1: Volunteer to participate in a research study in the Department of Education. Specific instructions are posted to Canvas on how to sign up to volunteer to participate in a research study conducted by a research lab in the Department of Education. Available labs are listed on the site; contact the one you are interested in. After you have participated in a study, ask a Research Assistant from the lab sign to sign the EDUC01 Participant Confirmation and Reflection Form. Then, answer the reflection questions on the form. A copy of the form is posted on Canvas. To get credit, hand in your completed form to me anytime before the start of our last class meeting.

Option 2: Imagine participating in a research study in the Department of Education. If you are uninterested in participating in a current research study in the Department of Education or unable to participate (many studies use exclusionary criteria that might make you ineligible), you may write a hypothetical study experience overview. First, find a published article authored by one of the faculty in the Department of Education that involved college student participants (the links to the lab websites on the Canvas site for the course will be useful). Second, complete the EDUC01 Hypothetical Research Participation Reflection form. A copy of the form is posted on Canvas. To get credit, you must hand in your completed form to me anytime before the start of our last class meeting.

4. In Class Activities
 We will do three in class activities during the term. The activities are aligned with the goals of the course in that they will provide you with the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the topic of the day and, in doing so, allow you to construct and use your own model of learning, development, and teaching. In class, you will be randomly assigned to a small group. Your group will be provided with specific activity instructions. Each group must upload one activity response to a Canvas discussion board by the end of the class period. I will grade each group response. Each member of a group will receive the same grade. However, if there is agreement among the majority of a group that a member or members did not contribute meaningfully to the activity and/or response (or it is my judgment that such is the case), that member may receive a different grade. I will also ask you to read the posted activity response from the other groups so you can benefit from their learning and they from yours.

5. Brief Written Assignments
 There will be two brief written assignments. Aligned with the second goal of the course, they will allow you to consider the application of interdisciplinary, empirical evidence. The first starts with empirical evidence and allows you to think about its application. The second starts with applications and allows you to think about their empirical evidence basis.
Brief Assignment 1: Understanding empirical evidence- and its educational applications
The purpose of this assignment is to help you feel comfortable reading and evaluating the various components of an empirical research article, so you will be prepared to later think about how study results may (or may not) be applied. First, you will need to locate the empirical article entitled “What Does Doodling Do?” written by Jackie Andrade and published in the journal Applied Cognitive Psychology. Next, you will need to answer a set of questions about the specific components of the article (e.g., abstract, introduction, methods, results, discussion). Finally, you will need to provide a reflection about how the findings c/should (or c/should not) be applied. Detailed instructions are posted on Canvas. Your assignment should be a maximum of two pages double-spaced, so make sure every word counts.

Brief Assignment 2: Understanding educational applications- and their empirical basis
The purpose of this assignment is to consider if the necessary empirical steps have been taken before suggestions of application. First, you will need to locate a media report about a new recommendation being made in the field of education. You will find and summarize the media report. Then, you will find the original empirical article that was the basis of the recommendation and 1) assess the accuracy of the evidence-based claims made in the media article and 2) consider what further translational evidence we would be needed before being able to confidently suggest application in the field. Detailed instructions are posted on Canvas. Your assignment should be a maximum of 2 pages double-spaced, so make sure every word counts.

6. Exams
There will be two exams given in class during the term. The first exam will include content covered up to and including the class period before the exam. The second will cover content covered only after the first exam. Both will include a variety of assessment formats including multiple choice and short answer and both will be based on readings, lectures, in-class discussions, and activities.

7. Final Exam
There will also be a final exam given during finals week. It will be cumulative. The final exam will include a variety of assessment formats including multiple choice, short answer, and short essay and will be based on the readings, lectures, in-class discussions, and activities.

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Late Policy

The brief assignments must be handed in at the beginning of class on the date indicated on the syllabus. Brief assignments handed in after class will be counted as one day late. Ten percent will be deducted from the grade if it is handed in one day late and an additional five percent will be deducted for each additional day that passes. You are responsible for the brief assignments even if you cannot be in class on the day they are due. If you cannot be in class, turn in the assignment to me before class time and it will not be counted as late.

The in class activity response forms are due by the end of the class period (12:00 noon) on the day we do the activity. Ten percent will be deducted from any response form handed in after the end of the class period. An additional five percent will be deducted for each additional day that passes. Please note: if you are not in class on the day of an activity, there is no mechanism to “make-up” an activity. However, if you must miss one of the three activity days, there will be a one-time option at the end of the term to complete one alternate assignment as a replacement for the 4% of your final course grade. (This cannot be used for “extra credit”.)

Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities who may need disability-related academic adjustments and services for this course are encouraged to see me privately as early in the term as possible. Students requiring disability-related academic adjustments and services must consult the Student Accessibility Services office (205 Collis Student Center, 646-9900, Student.Accessibility.Services@Dartmouth.edu). Once SAS has authorized services, students must show the originally signed SAS Services and Consent Form and/or a letter on SAS letterhead to me. As a first step, if you have questions about whether you qualify to receive academic adjustments and services, you should contact the SAS office. All inquiries and discussions will remain confidential.

Academic Honor Principle

I take the Academic Honor Principle seriously. I expect you to familiarize yourself with it and uphold it. It stated clearly at: http://www.dartmouth.edu/judicialaffairs/honor/index.html. For this course, you may not receive or provide assistance on any exam. You may not plagiarize. Plagiarism is the submission or presentation of work, in any form, that is not your own, without acknowledgment of the source. For this course, cite all sources according to the formal APA guidelines. If you have any clarification questions about how the Academic Honor Principal applies to this course, please ask me- and please do so before submitting an assignment. Any violation will result in a zero on the assignment and a referral to Judicial Affairs.

Religious Observances

Some of you may wish to take part in religious observances that occur during this academic term. If you have a religious observance that conflicts with your participation in the course, please meet with me at the beginning of the term to discuss appropriate accommodations.
## Schedule of Topics and Due Dates

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Schedule of Readings

Note: Readings should be completed before each class meeting. All readings are available through the Canvas site. This schedule is subject to change.

Tuesday Sept 12

**Introduction to the Course**

*An overview of the course, a preview of some of our topics, and an opportunity to think about why we care about education.*


Thursday Sept 14

**Overview of US Educational System (Part 1)**

*Structure of schooling, types of schools, international comparison, how schools are run, income-achievement gap, early intervention, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.*


Tuesday Sept 19*

**Overview of the US Educational System (Part 2)**

*Continued: structure of schooling, types of schools, international comparison, how schools are run, income-achievement gap, early intervention, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.*


Evidence-based Education

Evidence: how we know what works, the research-to-practice gap, and misconceptions about learning, development, and education.


Teachers and Teaching

Teachers as designers and deliverers of curriculum and creators of learning communities, backwards planning, transfer, active and passive learning, zone of proximal development, gradual release of responsibility, academic language, hidden curriculum, expectations, and certification.


*IN CLASS ACTIVITY TODAY*

**Thursday Sept 28**

**Social Processes in Learning and Teaching**

*Learning through social experience, theory of mind, collaborative or cooperative learning, stereotype threat, SEL approaches.*


**Tuesday Oct 3**

**Emotional and Self Regulation Processes in Learning and Teaching**

*Emotion and self-regulation, self-esteem, the emotional context of learning, and stress.*


Thursday Oct 5

**Motivational Processes in Learning and Teaching**

*Intrinsic and extrinsic motivation, rewards, achievement motivation, and curiosity.*


Tuesday Oct 10

**Exam 1**

Thursday Oct 12

**Memory**

*A model of memory, the roles of working memory and long-term memory in education, sleep and long-term memory, memory and multitasking.*


Tuesday Oct 17

Metacognition in Learning and Teaching

*Metacognition, executive functions, and critical thinking.*


Wednesday Oct 18 (x-hour)*

Return Exam #1

*BRIEF ASSIGNMENT 2 DUE TODAY

Thursday Oct 19

Strategies for Strengthening Learning and Teaching: Part 1

*Testing, retrieval, interleaving, note-taking, sleep, and feedback.*


Strategies for Strengthening Learning and Teaching: Part 2

Learning aptitudes, learning preferences, learning styles meshing hypothesis.


Assessing Learning and Teaching

Purposes of assessment; high-stakes testing, cut scores, and consequences; changes with the CCSS and ESSA; summative and formative assessment.


*IN CLASS ACTIVITY TODAY*
Tuesday Oct 31

Exam 2

Thursday Nov 2

Learning and Teaching Science

Scientific misconceptions; assimilation, accommodation, and conceptual change; constructivism; scientific literacy; NGSS.


Tuesday Nov 7*

Learning and Teaching Math

Two systems for number; number sense; concepts, procedures, and facts; analyzing errors.


*IN CLASS ACTIVITY TODAY

Wednesday Nov 8 (x-hour)

Return Exam 2

Thursday Nov 9

Learning and Teaching Reading

Orthography, phonology, connectivity, semantics, whole language vs phonics.


**Summary and Reflection**

*Constructing a model of leaning, development, and teaching.*


**Cumulative Final Exam**
References


