



CEEF 6306

Lifespan Development

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The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church.

The Purpose of the Course

The purpose of this course is to educate students about the life-long and multi-dimensional process of human development and to apply that knowledge to a variety of ministry contexts.

Core Values

The seminary has five core values. The focal core value for 2017-2018 is *Servant Leadership*. This course supports the five core values of the seminary.

Servant Leadership – We follow the model of Jesus and exert leadership and influence through the nurture and encouragement of those around us.

Curriculum Competencies Addressed

NOBTS faculty members realize that all ministers need to develop specific competencies if they are going to have an effective ministry. To increase the likelihood of NOBTS graduates having an effective ministry, the faculty developed a competency-based curriculum after identifying seven essential competencies necessary for effective ministry. All graduates are expected to have at least a minimum level of competency in all of the following areas:

Biblical Exposition: to interpret and communicate the Bible accurately.

Christian Theological Heritage: To understand and interpret Christian theological heritage and Baptist polity for the church.

Disciple Making: To stimulate church health through mobilizing the church for missions, evangelism, discipleship, and church growth.

Interpersonal Skills: To perform pastoral care effectively, with skills in communication and conflict management.

Servant Leadership: To serve churches effectively through team ministry.

Spiritual and Character Formation: To provide moral leadership by modeling and mentoring Christian character and devotion.

Worship Leadership: To facilitate worship effectively.

The curriculum competencies addressed in this course are:

- *Interpersonal relationships:* Students will interact in class Discussion Boards and engage in service projects that will provide opportunities to enhance their interpersonal skills.
- *Spiritual and Character Formation:* Students will practice the spiritual discipline of service to others.
- *Disciplemaking:* Students will apply their understanding of lifespan development to disciplemaking across the lifespan.

Course Description

In this course students will explore the different stages of human life through course readings, a service learning project, and by writing a developmental biography. Emphasis is given to the application of subject knowledge to ministry contexts.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course you will be able to:

1. Understand theories, methods, and research findings related to lifespan development.
2. Appreciate the need to understand the biopsychosocial and spiritual needs of individuals across the lifespan.
3. Document the effects of major biopsychosocial influences on the development of individuals across the lifespan.

The Embedded Assignment

Developmental Biography (30%)

Due: See Course Schedule

You will write a developmental biography of a *fictional individual* over the course of the semester. You may be asked to comment on your individual in class discussions. For the developmental biography include the following:

- **Demographic Characteristics:** Introduce your individual. For the time of your subject's birth, provide demographic characteristics including: gender, socio-economic status, ethnicity, cultural background, family composition, parental characteristics, physical and psychological health of family members. *These characteristics will impact your developing individual at each stage.* While you may choose to apply autobiographical details to your individual, this is not a developmental *autobiography* assignment. This information is due first and is separate from the life stages.

- In 1.5 to 2 pages for *each* of the assigned seven life stages (Infancy, Early Childhood, Middle Childhood, Adolescence, Young Adulthood, Middle Adulthood, Late Adulthood), apply information from each unit regarding that life stage to all aspects (physical development, cognitive development, social/emotional development, spiritual development) of your growing and maturing individual. *You must connect each life stage to the prior stages.* For example: You should connect the prenatal stage to the infancy stage. What kind of prenatal care did the mother receive? Was the child full term? Were there any environmental (i.e. smoking, drugs) or medical complications for the developing fetus? You may also address the mother’s emotional state, her age, and the family’s reaction to the birth. The infancy stage will then be connected to the early childhood stage and so forth.
 - Demographic Characteristics February 2
 - Infancy February 9
 - Early Childhood March 2
 - Middle Childhood March 9
 - Adolescence March 16
 - Young/Middle Adulthood April 6
 - Late Adulthood April 20

NOTE: The developmental biography for infancy will be returned by Wednesday, February 14 with feedback. Consider the infancy developmental biography as a practice run. You will receive essential feedback which will be helpful as you construct the subsequent life stage biographies. After feedback, you may resubmit the infancy developmental biography for final grading. *The infancy life stage is the only stage which may be resubmitted after feedback.*

If you are struggling with the application of the material for a particular developmental stage, you may interview someone who is in the stage or who has a child in that particular stage. Communicate to the interviewee that the purpose of the interview is to gain a better understanding of the stage and that you will not be sharing their experiences with the class. A rubric for this assignment is located at the end of this syllabus and is also posted on Blackboard in Assignments Upload. *This assignment is related to Student Learning Outcome #3. This assignment is an embedded assignment that will be completed by all students for all sections of this course. The rubric for grading this assignment is attached to this syllabus. Please complete the assignment according to this rubric.*

Required Readings

- Kail, Robert, and John Cavanaugh. *Essentials of Human Development: A Life-Span View*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Cengage Learning, 2014. ISBN: 978-1133943440 (This text is available for rent or as an ebook)
- Balswick, Joack, Pamela King, and Kevin Reimer. *The Reciprocating Self: Human Development in Theological Perspective*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2005. ISBN: 978-0830827930 (Kindle edition available)

Course Teaching Methodology

Units

Prenatal Development, Infancy, and Early Childhood
School-age Children and Adolescence
Young and Middle Adulthood
Late Adulthood
Death/Dying

Methodology

Methods used in this course include readings, discussion boards, lecture, video, service hours, and individual learning assignments.

Format

This course is taught online.

Assignments and Evaluation Criteria

A rubric for each of the following assignments may be found on Blackboard in Assignments.

1. Readings/Assignments:

Due: See Course Schedule

All readings/assignments should be completed prior to Discussion Board due dates so you can actively relate to all discussions. Reading the assigned chapters is extremely important as Discussion Boards will not cover all of the assigned reading material but are designed to supplement text reading and provide opportunities to process what you have read. A minimum of one to two hours of reading and studying will be needed to be prepared for each unit. *This assignment is related to Student Learning Outcome #1.*

2. Quizzes: (10%)

Due: See Course Schedule

In order to help you keep up with the assigned readings, open-book quizzes will be given during the semester over the designated content assigned for that unit. You may use notes and/or the textbooks. *Weekly quizzes will open on Monday at 12:30 a.m. and must be taken by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday.* Missed quizzes may not be made up. Late quizzes will not be given. *This assignment is related to Student Learning Outcome #1.*

3. Examinations (5): (6% each/Total=30%)

Due: See Course Schedule

You are expected to take all examinations at the scheduled times. Unless otherwise indicated, exams are *open book/open note*. Tests will cover materials presented through class discussions, presentations, and assigned reading. Exams will consist of objective questions (true/false and multiple choice) and subjective questions (identification and essay/short answer). *All tests will be posted on Blackboard under Assignments and will be available at 12:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and will close at 11:55 p.m. CST on Fridays.* The exam can be opened one time only and must be completed within the time allotted.

A few tips about taking a test on Blackboard:

- When taking an exam, be “wired” to the wall, not on Wi-Fi - and on a computer, not a tablet or a phone. You may lose connection to the exam if you do not follow this instruction.

- You should not hit the “save” button to save answers during a single-attempt test – “saving” implies that you wish to complete the test later and this is not allowed in a single- attempt test. Any attempt to do so will likely kick you out.
- Past experience has demonstrated that you should not use Internet Explorer or Safari to take exams. Why? I do not know. I only know that it is true.
- When answering a short answer/discussion question, put your response in a Word document and then paste your answer into the test. By doing so you will have a copy of your answer should you get kicked out of the exam.
- The final exam is comprehensive.

This assignment is related to Student Learning Outcome #1.

4. Journal Article Critiques (5% each/Total=10%)

Due: Friday, April 6

Analyze and critique 2 articles from recent, top quality, peer-reviewed journals in terms of the contribution the works make to the field of knowledge. Articles will be assigned by the professor and are related to the theories or developmental stages being studied.

- Critiques should be 2 pages in length and follow *How to Critique a Journal Article*. In addition, *your critique should address implications of the results of the study for Christian ministry.*

- Submit the assignment, complete with a cover page, to Blackboard on the assigned dates.

A rubric for this assignment and *How to Critique a Journal Article* are posted on Blackboard in Assignments Upload. *This assignment is related to Student Learning Outcome #2.*

5. Service Learning Project and Reflection (7.5% each=15%)

Due: Friday, April 27

Provide 5 hours of service to an *individual* or *group of people* who are discussed in our texts (e.g. children, the elderly, physically/mentally disabled, etc.) Service learning sites include nursing homes, child care centers, churches, and community ministry programs. If you need assistance in locating a service site please see the professor. You will submit your service site to the professor in week two. For this assignment, teaching does not qualify as service. A completed *Supervisor Evaluation for Student Service Learning* will be submitted on the assigned date. *This assignment is related to Student Learning Outcome #2.*

Service Learning Reflection

You will gain more from a service learning project when you take the time to reflect on it. Following the *Service Learning Project Reflection Guide*, write a 2-page paper about your experience. You will find the *Service Learning Project Reflection Guide* and a rubric for this assignment on Blackboard in Assignments Upload. *This assignment is related to Student Learning Outcome #2.*

6. Developmental Biography (30%)

Due: See Course Schedule

Refer to the description under The Embedded Assignment.

7. Class Participation (10%)

Threaded Discussion: You will participate weekly in the threaded discussions. These discussions are an essential component of the participation grade for the course. Your comments will be graded on their substance and thoughtfulness, and should reflect appropriate application of

emerging knowledge and vocabulary in the topic area. Each posting should add value to the discussion. Adding value to the discussion would include things like an example illustrating your position, posting a website, asking question of your fellow classmates, giving a personal example, bringing in something from the textbook, videos or from some outside reading to support your opinion.

Replying to the Postings of Your Classmates: In addition to writing your own response, each unit you will post a response to at least two other students' responses. In your replies to other students you can: 1) Expand on or clarify a point made in the answer. 2) Offer an additional argument to support a position taken in an answer. 3) Suggest ways in which an idea could be more clearly expressed. 4) Identify passages where you think the writer misunderstood a concept or applied it incorrectly. 5) Disagree with a point or position made in a response.

Your contributions to the Discussion Board Topic are worth 20 points for each week for a total of 15% of your final grade. There is NO MAKE-UP option for participation in the weekly Discussion Board. You cannot complete "other assignments" or extra credit to "make-up" for not being able to participate.

The week begins on MONDAY and ends on FRIDAY. Your initial post to the posted questions(s) must be made by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. CST of each week. Responses to other students' posts must be made by Friday at 5:00 p.m. CST. Any threaded discussion posted after 5:00 on Friday will not be viewed by the professor or grader and will *not* count towards class participation for that week. *This assignment is related to Student Learning Outcomes #1 and #2.*

You are expected to participate fully throughout the course. This portion of the course grade will be evaluated by the professor with regard to meaningful participation, assignment completion, the timely submission of assignments, and evidence of engagement with course materials. A rubric for class participation may be found in Assignments Upload. *This assignment is related to Student Learning Outcomes #1 and #2.*

Course Evaluation

Quizzes	10%
Examinations (5)	30%
Journal Articles/Ministry Application (2)	10%
Service Learning Project	05%
Service Learning Project Reflection	05%
Developmental Biography	30%
Participation/Discussion Board	10%

Course Schedule

Week	Week of:	Unit	Topic	Assignment
1	1/22		Introduction to Lifespan Development Syllabus	Introduce yourself on the Discussion Board
2	1/29	1	Unit 1 Theories of Development	Kail and Cavanaugh, Chapter 1 Balswick, Part One Unit 1 Course Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Study of Human Development • The Brain: A Secret History Unit 1: Quiz 1 Due Demographic Characteristics Due (2/2)
3	2/5	2	Prenatal Development, Infancy, and Early Childhood Unit 2 Pregnancy/Prenatal Video: <i>Miracle of Life</i>	Kail and Cavanaugh ,Chapter 2 Unit 2 – Course Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is Sex Determined • Biological Beginnings Unit 2: Quiz 1 Due Developmental Biography for Infancy Due (2/9)
4	2/12	2	The Newborn	Kail and Cavanaugh , Chapter 3 Unit 2 Course Document <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools for Exploring Exam #1 (Kail and Cavanaugh, Chapters 1-2, Balswick Part 1)
5	2/19	3	Unit 3 Cognitive Development: Infancy and Early Childhood	Kail and Cavanaugh, Chapter 4 Balswick, Chapter 6 Unit 3 Course Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Emergence of Thought and Language Unit 3: Quiz 1 Due
6	2/26	3	Socioemotional Development: Infancy and Early Childhood	Kail and Cavanaugh, Chapter 5 Unit 3 Course Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entering the Social World Unit 3: Quiz 2 Due Developmental Biography for Early Childhood Due (3/2)

Week	Week of:	Unit	Topic	Assignment
7	3/5	4	School-age Children and Adolescence Unit 4 Middle Childhood	Kail and Cavanaugh, Chapters 6-7 Balswick, Chapter 7 Unit 4 Course Documents Developmental Biography for Middle Childhood Due (3/9) Exam #2 (Kail and Cavanaugh, Chapters 3-5; Balswick, Chapter 6)
8	3/12	5	Unit 5 Adolescence	Kail and Cavanaugh, Chapters 8-9 Blaswick, Chapter 8 Unit 5 Course Documents Unit 5: Quiz 1 Due Developmental Biography for Adolescence Due (3/16)
9	3/19		Spring Break	
10	3/26	6	Young and Middle Adulthood Unit 6 Young/Middle Adulthood	Kail and Cavanaugh, Chapters 10-11 Balswick, Chapter 9 Unit 6 Course Documents Exam #3 (Kail and Cavanaugh, Chapters 6-9; Balswick, Chapters 7-8)
11	4/2	7	Unit 7 Young and Middle Adulthood	Kail and Cavanaugh, Chapters 12-13 Balswick, Chapter 10 Unit 7 Course Documents Unit 7: Quiz 1 Due Developmental Biography for Young/Middle Adulthood Due (4/6) Journal Article Critiques Due (4/6)
12	4/9	8	Late Adulthood Unit 8 Late Adulthood	Kail and Cavanaugh, Chapter 14 Balswick, Chapter 11 Unit 8 Course Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Adulthood Exam #4 (Kail and Cavanaugh, Chapters 10-13; Balswick, Chapters 9-10)
13	4/16	8	Late Adulthood	Kail and Cavanaugh, Chapter 15 Unit 8 Course Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Aspects of Later Life Unit 8: Quiz 1 Due Developmental Biography for Late Adulthood Due (4/20)

Week	Week of:	Unit	Topic	Assignment
14	4/23	8	Dying and Bereavement	Kail and Cavanaugh, Chapter 16 Unit 8 Course Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dying and Bereavement Unit 8: Quiz 2 Service Learning Project and Reflection Due (4/27)
15	4/30		Applications for Ministry	Balswick, Part Three
16	5/9-11		Final Exam – Comprehensive 80% Unit 8 20% Units 1-7	

***The Professor reserves the right to change topics/dates as necessary (see course policies).**

Course Policies

Academic Honesty Policy: All graduate and undergraduate NOBTS students, whether on-campus, internet, or extension center students, are expected to adhere to the highest Christian standard of honesty and integrity when completing academic assignments for all courses in every delivery system format. The Bible provides our standard for academic integrity and honesty. This standard applies whether a student is taking tests, quizzes, exams, writing papers, completing Discussion Boards, or any other course requirement.

Assignment Formatting: Unless otherwise noted, all assignments are to be created in Turabian format. All written assignments must be Word documents, written in third person unless otherwise instructed, and created in 12 pt. Times New Roman font. PDFs will not be accepted.

Assignment Submission: All assignments are to be submitted to Blackboard by 11:59 p.m. of the due date unless otherwise indicated. Do not send files as attachments via email to the professor. For technical reasons, this mode of file transmission is extremely inefficient.

Grading Scale: Your final grade will be based on your total accumulation of points as indicated under the *Assignments and Evaluation Criteria* section of this syllabus according to the grading scale in the NOBTS 2013-2014 catalog.

A 93-100 B 85-92 C 77-84 D 70-76 F 69 and below

Late Assignments: Only under extreme circumstances, and with prior approval, will a late assignment be accepted. Late assignments will be assessed an initial 10 percent penalty and 1 percent for each day after the due date (i.e. 10/1 points for a 100 point assignment, 3/.3 points for a 30 point assignment). No assignments will be accepted more than two weeks after the original due date. Missed presentations may not be made up.

Netiquette: Appropriate Online Behavior: Each student is expected to demonstrate appropriate Christian behavior when working online. The student is expected to interact with other students in a fashion that will promote learning and respect for the opinions of others in the course. A spirit of Christian charity is expected at all times in the online environment.

Plagiarism: A high standard of personal integrity is expected of all students. Copying another person's work, submitting downloaded material without proper references, submitting material without properly citing the source, submitting the same material for credit in more than one course, and other such forms of dishonesty are strictly forbidden. *Although anything cited in three sources is considered public domain, we require that all sources be cited.* Any infraction will result in failing the course. Any infraction will be reported to the Dean of Students for further action.

Recording Policy: Recordings of class, including any audio and/or video recordings, regardless of the media or format, and regardless of the intended or actual use, are not permitted without prior written permission of the professor. The class will be notified in advance should any such recording be approved. This policy is intended to protect the privacy of the students.

Revision of the Syllabus: The course syllabus is not a legal contract. Any syllabus revision will be preceded by a reasonable notice to students. The standards and requirements set forth in this syllabus may be modified at any time by the professor. Notice of such changes will be by announcement in class or by email notice.

Withdrawal from the Course: The administration has set deadlines for withdrawal. These dates and times are published in the academic calendar. Administration procedures must be followed. You are responsible to handle withdrawal requirements. A professor can't issue a withdrawal. You must do the proper paperwork to ensure that you will not receive a final grade of "F" in the course if you choose not to attend once you are enrolled.

Additional Information

Blackboard and SelfServe: You are responsible for maintaining current information regarding contact information on Blackboard and SelfServe. The professor will utilize both to communicate with the class. Blackboard and SelfServe do not share information so you must update each. Assignment grades will be posted to Blackboard. You will be need to enroll in the course on Blackboard.

Correspondence with the Grader: You should contact the grader via email at peaveygrader@gmail.com. The grader responds to email during normal business hours, 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays only. The grader may not respond to late night or weekend e-mails until

regular “business” hours. Please respect the grader’s personal time. Remember, graders are students as well and have their own coursework and research to complete. Please be respectful in the language you use in your emails to the grader.

Correspondence with the Professor: Every effort is made to respond to emails and phone calls within 24-48 hours, excluding weekends. Please feel free to contact the professor(s) with any question you may have regarding this course.

Hurricane/Severe Weather Evacuation: In the event of a hurricane or other emergency, go to the seminary web site for information: www.nobts.edu. See Blackboard for any announcements that may be posted. You should ensure your email address is updated on Blackboard.

For up-to-date weather information stay tuned to:

- WBSN FM-89.1
- WWL Channel 4
- WWL AM-870
- www.nobts.edu

Mandatory Evacuation: Hurricane season lasts from June 1 to November 30. If the Mayor or the President of NOBTS recommends that you leave the city, then do so. If a mandatory evacuation is called everyone except emergency personnel must leave. Staying on campus is not an option. See the *Student Handbook* for further information regarding hurricane preparedness, evacuation, and shelter.

NOBTS Emergency Text Messaging Service: Once you have established a SelfServe account you may sign up for the NOBTS emergency text messaging service by going to <http://nobts.edu/NOBTSEmergencyTextMessage.html> .

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9-12

Special Needs: If you need an accommodation for any type of disability, please set up a time to meet with the professor(s) to discuss any modifications you may need that are able to be provided.

Technical Support: Need technical assistance? Contact the ITC today:

Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)

BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System NOBTS.Blackboard.com.

ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.

504.816.8180 - Call for any technical questions/support requests.

www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website. If you experience any problems with your Blackboard account you may email

BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu or call the ITC at 504-282-4455, ext. 8180.

Rubric for Developmental Biography (Embedded Assignment)						
	Criteria	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	Unacceptable (0)
Understanding	Biographical/ Demographic Content Weight: 10%	Student provided complete biographic/demographic content for the following <i>eight</i> areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gender • socio-economic status • ethnicity • cultural background • family composition • parental characteristics • physical health of family members • psychological health of family members. 	Student provided complete biographic/demographic content for <i>seven</i> of the assigned areas.	Student provided complete biographic/demographic content for <i>six</i> of the assigned areas.	Student provided <i>incomplete</i> biographic/demographic content for <i>five</i> or more of the assigned areas.	Student failed to provide biographic/demographic content.
	Developmental Content Weight: 40%	Student included <i>all (4)</i> of the following areas of development for 7 assigned life stages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>physical</i> • <i>cognitive</i> • <i>social/emotional</i> • <i>spiritual</i> 	Student included <i>most (4)</i> of the assigned areas of development for <i>six</i> assigned life stages:	Student included <i>all (4)</i> of the assigned areas of development for <i>six</i> of the assigned life stages.	Student included <i>all (4)</i> or <i>most (3)</i> of the assigned areas of development for <i>five</i> of the assigned life stages.	Student included the assigned areas of development <i>for less than five</i> of the assigned life stages.
	Subtotal 50%					

Application	Lifespan Development Connections Weight: 30%	Student related specific impact(s) of <i>each</i> (4) of the following developmental areas of <i>each</i> life stage upon the subsequent stage(s).: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>physical</i> • <i>cognitive</i> • <i>social/emotional</i> • <i>spiritual</i> 	Student related specific impact(s) of <i>most</i> (3) of the assigned developmental areas of <i>each</i> life stage upon the subsequent stage(s).	Student related specific impacts(s) of each of the assigned developmental areas of <i>six</i> life stages upon the subsequent stage(s).	Student related specific impacts(s) of each of the assigned developmental areas of <i>five</i> life stages upon the subsequent stage(s).	Student related specific impacts(s) of the assigned developmental stages of <i>four or less</i> life stages upon the subsequent stage(s).
	Subtotal 30%					
Communication	Length Weight: 10%	Student provided 1.5 to 2 pages for 7 life stages.	Student provided <i>less than</i> 1.5 to 2 pages for 7 life stages assigned but did include all 7 stages.	Student provided 1.5 to 2 pages for six of the life stages.	Student provided <i>less than</i> 1.5 to 2 pages for six of the life stages.	Student addressed <i>less than six</i> of the life stages.
	Grammar and Usage 10%	No errors impair the flow of the assignment. Errors are infrequent and have a minor impact.	Errors are occasional but do not impede the flow of the assignment; the student's meaning is not seriously obscured by errors.	Errors are frequent and somewhat disrupt the flow of the assignment; the meaning is discernable.	Errors are serious and numerous; they disrupt the flow of the assignment; the meaning is discernable.	Errors are serious and numerous; they disrupt the flow of the assignment; the meaning is not discernable.
	Subtotal 20%					
	TOTAL					

DOMAIN	LEVEL	Not Applicable	Does Not Meet	Meets	Exceeds
UNDERSTANDING	Able to understand theories, methods, and research findings related to lifespan development.				
APPLICATION	Able to apply in a Christian Education ministry the biopsychosocial and spiritual needs of individuals across the lifespan.				
COMMUNICATION	Able to communicate the major biopsychosocial influences on the development of individuals across the lifespan.				