

# HDFS 231 : Infancy and Early Childhood

Growth and development from the prenatal period to age 5. Historical and current issues and research based on ecological, cross-cultural perspectives. Focus on optimal development.

**Credits** 3

**Lecture Hours** 3

**Prerequisite Courses**

HDFS 230

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Grade of C or better in HDFS 230.

**Course Outcomes**

- Discuss the major milestones of children from conception through age 5 in the main domains of physical, cognitive, and socio-emotional development.
- Discuss the major theories of child development.
- Discuss the interplay between the children and their environmental system (physical settings, family, peers, childcare, neighborhood, economics, social policy, and culture).
- Plan a study to demonstrate basic research skills.