

Course Title: FMST 312: Parent-Child Relationships

Course Meetings:

Section 002 – Tues/Thurs – 6:00 to 8:45 - ALRD-105 <https://learningspaces.ubc.ca/classrooms/alrd-105>

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Office hours: See me after class or email me to set up an alternative day/time

Course Description:

This course will examine parent-child relationships from a multidisciplinary perspective. Emphasis is placed on the role of income, occupation, culture, parent education programs, and family structure and processes.

Course content aims to answer the following questions:

1. How do income and occupational complexity affect parenting practices and child outcomes?
2. How does culture affect parenting goals, parenting practices, and child outcomes?
3. How do the problems and solutions targeted in parent education programs differ?
4. How do family structures affect child outcomes?
5. How do family processes affect child outcomes?

Prerequisites: FMST/SOCI 200 or FMST 210

Course Evaluation:		
Date	Details	Weight
1. Participation		
Ongoing	Five participation marks (1% each)	5%
2. Exams		
July 23	Short answer questions. 120 minutes.	45%
August 8	Short answer questions (non-cumulative). 150 minutes	50%

Course Material:

I do NOT use Connect or Canvas rather I will email all course material using the secure faculty group email system. Once you are registered in the course, your email is automatically added to the group email list. To change your email address, go to the SSC website (the email address field is on the same screen as your mailing address and phone number).

Course material consists of required readings with questions and lecture material:

Required Readings:

Course readings will consist of one published research study per class (9 in total). You will receive the research study and associated questions via group email (see above). ***It will take you approximately 2 hours to complete the questions before each class.***

Lecture Material:

Where possible, lecture material will be emailed. Please bring emailed lecture material to class so that you can follow along with the lecture in an organized way. ***You do NOT need to review lecture material PRIOR to class; just bring it to class.***

Course material for the midterm exam will be emailed after the first class. Course material for the final exam will be emailed on July 23.

Nature of Course Meetings:

1. There will be an open book quiz at the beginning of each class. Quiz questions will target the assigned reading and associated questions. The quiz will typically consist of 3-6 questions. The quiz does NOT count for marks rather it is intended to help you prepare for the exams (i.e., to check your understanding of the research study).
2. Next, we will review the answers to the quiz. Participation marks are awarded for answering quiz questions.
3. Next, we will review the answers to the assigned questions for the research study. Participation marks are awarded for answering one of the assigned questions.
4. Finally, there will be a lecture.

Participation Marks:

When you participate in class, you must indicate which question you answered on the participation sheet to earn a participation mark. You can do this (i) at the break or (ii) at the end of class. To earn full participation marks, you are expected to participate a total of FIVE times in the course. You can only earn ONE participation mark per class.

Exams:

- Exams will consist of short answer questions (ranging from one word/concept to 3 sentences).
- Exams are not cumulative.
- Exam questions will target the assigned questions and quiz questions for the nine research studies as well as all lecture material (for instance, lecture elaborations on assigned and quiz questions, handouts, videos, and discussion questions covered in class).

Proposed Course Schedule and Reading List	
Date	Details
Theme: How do socialization goals affect parenting practices?	
July 2	Course introduction and “Babies” documentary
July 4	(1) <i>Whitbeck et al., 1997</i> : The effects of parents’ working conditions and family economic hardship on parenting behaviors and children’s self-efficacy
July 9	(2) <i>Chao, 1995</i> : Chinese and European American cultural models of the self reflected in mothers’ childrearing beliefs
July 11	(3) <i>Rao et al., 2003</i> : Links between socialization goals and childrearing practices in Chinese and Indian mothers
Theme: What are some of the cultural-specific differences in academic socialization and discipline behaviours?	
July 16	(4) <i>Chua, 2011</i> : Battle hymn of the tiger mom
July 18	(5) <i>Kim et al., 2013</i> : Does “Tiger Parenting” exist? Parenting profiles of Chinese Americans and adolescent developmental outcomes
July 23	Midterm Exam (123 Magic Video after midterm exam)
July 25	(6) <i>Hulei et al., 2006</i> : Discipline behaviors of Chinese American and European American mothers
Theme: How do parents facilitate and suppress their child’s social competence and temperament?	
July 30	(7) <i>Weisz et al., 1987</i> : Over- and undercontrolled referral problems among children and adolescents from Thailand and the United States: The Wat and <i>Wai</i> of cultural differences
August 1	(8) <i>Chen et al., 1998</i> : Childrearing attitudes and behavioral inhibition in Chinese and Canadian toddlers: A cross-cultural study
Theme: How does a parent’s sexual orientation influence parenting goals, parenting practices, and child development?	
August 6	(9) <i>Farr et al., 2010</i> : Parenting and child development in adoptive families: Does parental sexual orientation matter?
August 8	Final Exam

UBC Course Policies

Attendance

The UBC calendar states: “Regular attendance is expected of students in all their classes. Students who neglect their academic work and assignments may be excluded from final examinations.”

Accommodations

The University accommodates students with disabilities. The University also accommodates students whose religious obligations conflict with attendance or scheduled exams. Please let me know in the first week of class, if you will require an accommodation on either of these grounds. Students, who plan to be absent for varsity athletics, family obligations, or other commitments, cannot assume they will be accommodated. Please discuss your commitments with me in the first week of class so that you will know whether an accommodation will be awarded.

Academic Dishonesty

Students are responsible for informing themselves of unacceptable behaviour during exams (i.e., cheating)

<http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,54,111,959>

If you are caught “cheating” on an exam, you will receive zero on the exam. If you are caught being dishonest about participating then your course grade will be reduced by 15%.

Missed Exams

Make-up exams are a privilege and will be given to students with a bona fide medical note. Only one makeup exam is permitted per student. Because of concerns about fairness, it is not possible for a makeup exam to increase your overall course percent. For example, if you earn 80% on the makeup midterm exam but only 70% on the final exam, then your overall mark in the course will be 70%.

If you miss the midterm exam, you must:

- (1) Email me the night before or on the day of the missed exam.
- (2) Be able to attend the single makeup exam
- (3) Bring your medical note to the make-up exam

If you miss the final exam, you will need to see an academic advisor in your department to apply for a standing deferred (SD) in the course. If a standing deferred is approved, then you will write the exam in the standing deferred period (typically in November). See the UBC academic calendar for the exact date.

Grading Guidelines

<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Points or Percent</i>	<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Points or Percent</i>	<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Points or Percent</i>
A+	90-100	B	72-75	C-	55-59
A	85-89	B-	68-71	D	50-54
A	80-84	C+	64-67	F	0-49
B+	76-79	C	60-63		

Note: To pass the course, you need to earn a minimum of 50 points (50%). I do not bump students up (even if you earn 49 points). Additionally, I do not allow students to complete extra assignments to increase their points.

Early Alert

During the term, I will do my best to reach out and offer support if I am concerned about your academic performance or well-being. In addition, I may identify any concerns I might have about your academic performance or well-being using the *Early Alert* program. This program allows academic, financial, or mental health concerns to be identified sooner and to be responded to in a more coordinated way. Any information that I submit will be treated confidentially. Additionally, the information is being sent because I care about your academic success and well-being. For more information, please visit <http://blog.students.ubc.ca/earlyalert/>