

## Human Development and Learning

EDS 248  
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## Expectations of Graduate Students

- Increased responsibility for own learning.
- Students are more motivated.
- There is an increased work load.

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## Course Overview

- Attendance
- [Weekly independent study](#)
- [Developmental/Health History Questionnaire](#)
  - [Sample Questionnaire](#)
- Learning Theory Paper

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### Small Group Discussion

- What is Educational Psychology?
- Why is it important for special educators and other educational professionals to understand educational psychology?

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### Educational Psychology

- The study of learning, learners, and learning environments.
- An understanding of human development and learning are essential to educational psychology

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### Human Development

- Gradual changes (or growth) that are relatively permanent, age related, and influenced by the environment.
- Developmental theories try to make sense about when and how these changes occur.
  - They give us general guidelines about what is typical.
  - They help us to identify exceptional learners.

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### Human Learning

- Relatively permanent changes in behavior (external responses) and/or mental associations (internal processes) brought about by experience
  - Understanding of learning theory allows one to optimize learning environments and facilitate student achievement.

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### Typical Class Agenda

- Turn in assignments
- Questions
- Lecture
- Break (6:00 to 6:15)
- Discussion and Activities

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