EDUC 662: LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION
TUESDAYS 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM EST (SYNCHRONOUS)
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
University of Michigan resides on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe or People of the Three Fires, namely the Ojibwe, Odawa and Bodewadmi Nations. In 1817, these nations ceded this land through the Treaty at the Foot of the Rapids some of which was designated for “a college at Detroit” at which Indigenous peoples were eligible to enroll. As we occupy this land, we recognize and affirm that Indigenous peoples who live here now and those who were forcibly removed from this space. We also acknowledge the historic and ongoing struggles for Indigenous sovereignty, the effects of colonial violence, and the erasure of Indigenous peoples.

OVERVIEW OF COURSE
Administrative and teaching effectiveness in postsecondary educational settings is largely dependent upon one’s familiarity with and appreciation for the unique developmental needs of students. Student outcomes can be significantly enhanced when individuals understand and intentionally apply appropriate theoretical frameworks to their work with campus programs, services, curricula, and pedagogical practices. Exposure to student development theory is essential in the academic preparation of postsecondary administrators and faculty, as students should be the primary focus of current and future efforts in higher education. To this end, this course examines patterns of intellectual, identity, and social development among older adolescents and adults, and how these relate to learning and development of desired outcomes of postsecondary education. Ultimately, this course is intended to inspire class members to become more reflective and intentional facilitators of environments and experiences that offer healthy, constructive developmental opportunities for all students on college and university campuses.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
This course will provide an overview of theories used to understand and promote college student development. By the end of this course, students will be able to:

• Understand the history of student development theory, and how it is and has been created, used, and extended over time.
• Evaluate their assumptions about theory and of student development.
• Describe the underlying assumptions and features of student development theories within
  and across the cognitive, interpersonal, and intrapersonal domains of development.
• Recognize how the environments students are situated within, including those created by
  educators, affect development.
• Articulate how their identities and experiences have influenced their development within
  and across various domains (i.e., cognitive, interpersonal, intrapersonal).
• Apply theories of development to understand current college students’ experiences and ways
  of making meaning.
• Identify how they can use student development theory to inform their practice.
• Critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of existing student development theories and
  their use in practice.

COURSE DESIGN
As an educator, I care deeply about your personal and your academic success. We are collectively
navigating a global pandemic and some members of our learning community are further targeted by
anti-Black racism, nativism, classism, and other forms of oppression that are always present but are
manifesting themselves in particularly violent ways in our current sociopolitical context.

To support your learning, your health, and your well-being, this course has been designed as a
combination of asynchronous (i.e., on your own) and synchronous virtual learning and will use
multiple modes to engagement. Since members of our learning community are located in multiple
locations/time zones, and I am aware of the potential for Zoom fatigue, we will meet online weekly
from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm EST unless indicated otherwise in the syllabus.

Each week of the course is designed as a distinct module that will explore a particular concept or set
of theories related to student learning and development. The modules will open at least a week
before we devote time to exploring a particular set of ideas as a learning community, and will
contain material that will help you further engage with the assigned reading in the syllabus. Given
the design of the course, you will need to log into our course management site, Canvas, on a weekly
basis to access course materials and to complete assignments. To successfully complete the course,
you will need to participate over the duration of the term and cannot complete all of the required
work in a compressed amount of time.

REQUIRED TECHNOLOGY
Engagement in this course will require that you have access to the following:
  • A computer or tablet with internet access
  • A web browser (e.g., Google Chrome, Internet Explorer)
  • Canvas (https://canvas.it.umich.edu)
  • Microsoft Word or an equivalent word processor
  • A PDF reader – Adobe PDF reader (free download available at
    https://get.adobe.com/reader/), Preview, etc.
  • YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/)
  • Zoom (https://www.umich.zoom.us)


**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN’S COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION**

At the University of Michigan, our dedication to academic excellence for the public good is inseparable from our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. It is central to our mission as an educational institution to ensure that each member of our community has full opportunity to thrive in our environment, for we believe that diversity is key to individual flourishing, educational excellence and the advancement of knowledge.

**Diversity:** We commit to increasing diversity, which is expressed in myriad forms, including race and ethnicity, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, language, culture, national origin, religious commitments, age, (dis)ability status and political perspective.

**Equity:** We commit to working actively to challenge and respond to bias, harassment, and discrimination. We are committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, height, weight, or veteran status.

**Inclusion:** We commit to pursuing deliberate efforts to ensure that our campus is a place where differences are welcomed, different perspectives are respectfully heard and where every individual feels a sense of belonging and inclusion. We know that by building a critical mass of diverse groups on campus and creating a vibrant climate of inclusiveness, we can more effectively leverage the resources of diversity to advance our collective capabilities.

**INSTRUCTOR COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES**

**Learning Community Expectations**

All participants in this course are members of a learning community. Our primary commitment is to learn from each other, from course materials, and from our work. While there are differences amongst us in our backgrounds, skills, interests, values, scholarly orientations, and experiences I hope we can create the type of learning environment that fosters success for all. Our commitments to each other will be particularly important as we individually and collectively navigate the stress and ambiguity of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing struggle for racial and other forms of justice. To this end, I ask that all members of our community:

- Share their energy, ideas, and experiences with the group
- Speak their truth
- Challenge themselves throughout the semester
- Know when to step up and when to step back in conversations
- Assume that others are doing the best that they can to learn from and engage with the material
- Look for the truth in what you oppose and the error in what you espouse
- Express disagreement with ideas, statements, and ideologies rather than with individual’s personhood and humanity
- Be open to receiving feedback and challenge from others in the group
- Grant others and ourselves grace
- Do their best to use technology (e.g., cell phones, laptops) for course related purposes only (e.g., no email, Facebook, web browsing, etc.) while we are meeting synchronously
Class Participation
This course requires your active engagement in class activities, including interactive lectures, dyads, small group discussions and other interactive activities. Our synchronous class meetings are an opportunity to raise questions, clarify understandings, challenge ideas and opinions constructively, and learn about others’ perspectives. Your comments, whether fully developed or still under construction, are welcome as we work together to understand the strengths and limitations of specific ideas and their utility. To participate effectively, you will need to read and to critically assess the arguments, practices, or ideas in the assigned texts. Noting key points, posing questions, and connecting ideas and concepts as you read will help you prepare to actively participate in class.

Please review the schedule of readings in advance so that you will have time to fully prepare for each class meeting. The quality of our discussions relies on your ability to talk, write, and think about the ideas we encounter.

That being said, engaging in synchronous online course meetings can be taxing, and I am cognizant of the potential for Zoom fatigue. Students will not be required to turn their cameras on for synchronous meetings, though it would be helpful to have a picture or avatar associated with your name if you want/need to turn your camera off. We will also use multiple forms of engagement (e.g., large group, small group, polls, chat functions) during our synchronous meetings so there will several ways to participate in the learning community.

Absences
Class attendance and engagement is critical our collective learning and to your success in this course. However, circumstances occasionally arise when your presence may be required elsewhere or you may need to attend to personal matters, including your health and well-being given these uncertain times. If you need to miss class, please let me know in advance when possible and arrange to obtain notes, handouts, etc. and review class activities with at least one classmate. Attendance is will not be graded in this course and I am assuming that people are doing the best they can to be present and to learn independently and alongside others in our learning community.

Course Announcements
Announcements related to the course will be posted on a regular basis. Please check Canvas and your university email regularly to access this information.

Email Communication
Email is the best way to reach me. I check email regularly (every 2-3 hours) Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. I typically respond to messages within 24-hours, except when they are sent over the weekend. Messages sent after 5:00 pm on Friday may not receive a response until the following Monday morning.

I will use students’ assigned umich.edu email addresses for course related communication. If you choose not to use this email address, I suggest that you set your umich.edu address to automatically forward to the alternate email address of your choice.
Office Hours
If you would like to meet with me to discuss the course, please sign up for an appointment at least 24 hours in advance. I will send you a confirmation email and a calendar meeting with a Zoom link for our meeting. If you’d prefer to meet via phone, we can do that as well. If the meeting times listed for office hours do not work with your schedule, please send me some alternative meeting times and we will find a time to connect.

Assignments, Due Dates, and Feedback
All written assignments should adhere to the guidelines and reference formats specified in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (7th ed.). All papers must be typed, double-spaced, using 12-point font and one inch, left-justified margins unless otherwise specified.

Please plan to submit your work electronically as a Microsoft Word attachment to Canvas unless the assignment instructions indicate otherwise. Your assignments should be submitted with the following nomenclature: Last Name_Assignment Name (e.g., Perez_My Story Paper).

I also expect that you will do your best to meet each assignment submission deadline except when unforeseen circumstances arise. If you need to turn in an assignment late, please alert me as soon as possible. Assignments that are submitted late may not receive full credit unless arrangements have been made with me.

Discussion board posts will be graded on a weekly basis at the close of each module. Papers and your final project will be graded within two weeks; detailed feedback will be provided via the grading rubrics and electronic notes in your written assignments. Grades for assignments will be posted after all assignments that have been submitted on time have been graded.

Statement on Familial Care During Class
I recognize that many graduate students are managing multiple roles and for some this includes being a parent/guardian, engaging in elder care, or caring for other family members. The challenges of work-life negation and managing these caretaking roles have only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For those who need support negotiating familiar care, the Work-Life Resource Center (https://hr.umich.edu/about-uhr/service-areas-offices/work-life-resource-center) and Students with Children website (http://www.studentswithchildren.umich.edu/) has resources that may be of interest to you.

While we are meeting in a synchronous manner, these guidelines are intended to support the multiple needs of learners in our community:

- All exclusively breastfeeding babies are welcome in class as often as is necessary to support the breastfeeding relationship. Because not all individuals can pump sufficient milk, and not all babies will take a bottle reliably, students should not have to choose between feeding their baby and continuing their education. You and your nursing baby are welcome in class anytime.
• I understand that those in your care may require your attention while we are meeting, and this may put you in a position to decide between filling your responsibilities as a caretaker and as a student. Please do what you need to do to meet your needs and the needs of others. This may include turning off your video, leaving briefly to respond to others who require your attention, having “coworkers” join us for class, etc.

• I ask that all students work with me to create a welcoming environment that is respectful of all forms of diversity, including diversity in parenting and caretaking status.

If you are comfortable and anticipate needing an accommodation, I would encourage you to disclose your status as a parent/guardian/caretaker to me. While I hold the same high expectations for all members of our learning community, I hope to support you as you navigate graduate school and parenting and/or caretaking.

**BASIC NEEDS STATEMENT**

If you are facing challenges securing food, housing, and adequate financial support and believe this may affect your performance in the course, please consider contacting Dean of Students Office the via phone at (734) 764-7420 or via email at deanofstudents@umich.edu. Information about the Dean of Students Office is available at https://deanofstudents.umich.edu/. The Maize & Blue Cupboard located in the basement of Betsy Barbour Residence Hall may also be of assistance to you. Information on this campus resource can be found here: https://mbc.studentlife.umich.edu/

The Rackham Graduate School also has emergency financial assistance should you experience an emergency or one-time unusual, or unforeseen expenses as you matriculate. Information about the Rackham Graduate Student Emergency fund is here: https://rackham.umich.edu/rackham-life/finances/#emergency-assistance

If you are comfortable, I also encourage you to also share the information with me. This will enable me to provide additional resources and information.

**STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

Graduate school is inherently stressful and this stress is exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, ongoing anti-Black racism and racialized violence, and other forms of marginalization and oppression that target those with minoritized identities. The University of Michigan is committed to advancing the mental health and wellbeing of its students. If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed, depressed, and/or in need of support, services are available.

For help, contact Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at (734) 764-8312 or https://caps.umich.edu/ during and after hours, on weekends and holidays, or through its counselors physically located in schools on both North and Central Campus. You may also consult University Health Service (UHS) at (734) 764-8320 and https://www.uhs.umich.edu/mentalhealthsvc, or for alcohol or drug concerns,
ACTOMMODATIONS
Students with Disabilities
If you are a person with a disability and anticipate needing accommodations in this course, please contact me to set up a meeting within the first two weeks of the semester or as soon as you become aware of your need. Before meeting with me, please apply for and obtain recommendations for accommodations from Services for Students with Disabilities, located in G-664 Haven Hall. Their telephone number is (734-936-3947) and their email address is ssdoffice@umich.edu. Information on applying for accommodations can be found here: https://ssd.umich.edu/

Religious Accommodation
The University of Michigan is committed to making every reasonable effort to allow members of the University community to observe their religious holidays without academic penalty. Those who have religious or cultural observations that conflict with class or with assignment due dates should inform me in writing. I encourage you to honor your religious and cultural holidays/practices and will work with you to provide reasonable accommodations.

Students Representing the University in an Official Capacity Off-Campus
There may be instances when students must miss class due to their commitment to officially represent the University. These students may be involved in the performing arts, scientific or artistic endeavors, intercollegiate athletics, or assistantship/internship responsibilities. If you know you will miss class to represent the University, please inform me in writing when you will be absent, preferably during the first two weeks of classes. Please know that you will need to make up any missed course related activities and are responsible for acquiring information discussed in class.

HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION
The University of Michigan is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, height, weight, or veteran status in employment, educational programs and activities, and admissions. If you have experienced harassment or discrimination, you can seek assistance from me, other faculty or staff members you trust, a Rackham Graduate School Resolution Officer at (734) 764-4400 or RackResolutionOfficer@umich.edu, a representative from the Office of Student Conflict Resolution at (734) 936-6308 or oscr@umich.edu if the harassment or bias-incident involves another student, or the Office of Institutional Equity at (734) 647-1388.
**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**
You may find these on-campus and virtual resources helpful as you develop your work:

_Sweetland Center for Writing_
sweetlandinfo@umich.edu | (734)764-0429
https://lsa.umich.edu/sweetland

_Rackham Graduate School Professional Development_
(734) 647-4013
https://rackham.umich.edu/professional-development/

_University of Michigan Libraries_
https://www.lib.umich.edu/

**REQUIRED TEXTS**


*Available at e-book from University of Michigan libraries

Please note that selected readings will be posted to Canvas. Other readings in our weekly schedule will have a star (*) next to them and you are expected to locate them on the University of Michigan Libraries website and download them for yourself.

Directly downloading materials is one means of ensuring authors and journals are given credit for their contribution to the class. This is particularly important since downloads are tracked by publishers and some institutions may include downloads as a metric for the author’s impact on the field. Accessing articles through the library website demonstrates that journals are used regularly and signals to the library that they should maintain a subscription. To look for articles, you can search by online journal or by article using various University of Michigan Library databases.
ASSIGNMENTS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN SYLLABUS APPENDIX)

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GRADING SCALE

A = 100 – 94
A- = 93 – 90
B+ = 89 – 87
B = 86 – 84
B- = 83 – 80
C+ = 79 – 77
C = 76 – 74
C- = 73 – 70
D = 69 – 60
F = 59 & Below

*NOTE REGARDING LETTER GRADES:*
Simply meeting the instructor’s expectations constitutes “B” work; going above and beyond is “A” work; and failing to meet the minimum expectations will result in a grade of “C” or lower. These expectations will be clearly communicated through the use of grading rubrics for each assignment that are intended to assess both the content (e.g., depth of analysis, understanding of course material) and quality of your writing (e.g., clarity, organization, use of APA style).

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Integrity in research and scholarship is a fundamental value of the University of Michigan. It is the responsibility of all students to conduct research and scholarly activities in an ethical manner at all times. An indispensable part of graduate education is for students to become knowledgeable about the responsible conduct of research and scholarship appropriate to their discipline or field of study. Students are responsible for understanding and observing the Rackham's Academic and Professional Integrity Policy. Students are also expected to understand and maintain standards of integrity and professional conduct endorsed by their program that are particular to their field of study and research. As educators, it would be hypocritical to embrace these expectations as learning outcomes for college students and be unwilling to learn about and actively practice them ourselves in graduate education and in professional settings.

Students who allegedly engaged in academic and professional misconduct may be reported to the department and to the Rackham Graduate School. Information about the Academic and Professional Integrity Policy and responses to allegations of misconduct are located here:
https://rackham.umich.edu/academic-policies/section8/
**Course Outline**

**Note:** The readings are listed in the suggested order that you read them. Often, you will read a broad overview piece first before exploring specific theories in greater depth. Subsequently, you will read extensions of first-wave or foundational theories, critical perspectives, and/or examples of theory in practice.

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**Session 1**  
**Course Introduction**  
- Course overview  
| **September 8**  
**Session 2**  
**Understanding Theory and its Origins**  
- History of student development theory  
- Power & oppression in theory  
- Formal and informal theory  
- Using theory in practice  
| **ASSIGNMENT DUE:**  
**My Story Paper** |  |
| **Supplemental readings:**  
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| **Session 3** | **Ecological Approaches to Development**  
- Bronfenbrenner’s Ecological Model  
**Preparing for Student Interview Project**  
- Conducting interviews  
**ASSIGNMENT DUE:** Discussion Board Post #1 |
| September 22 | **Ecological Approaches to Development**  
**Prepping for Student Interview Project**  
**Supplemental readings:**  
| **Session 4** | **Integrated Theories of Development**  
- Kegan’s Orders of Consciousness  
- Baxter Magolda’s Journey Towards Self-Authorship  
**ASSIGNMENT DUE:** Discussion Board Post #2 |
| September 15  |  
September 29  
Session 5  
Cognitive Development 1  
- Overview of epistemological and intellectual development  
- Perry’s Theory of Intellectual and Ethical Development  

ASSIGNMENT DUE:  
Discussion Board Post #3


**Supplemental readings:**


*Perez, R. J. (2016). Exploring developmental differences in students’ sensemaking during the transition to graduate school. *Journal of College Student Development*, 57(7), 763-777.


**Supplemental readings:**

**October 6**  
**Session 6**  
**Cognitive Development 2**
- King and Kitchener’s Reflective Judgment Model
- Belenky, Clinchy, Goldberger, & Tarule’s Women’s Ways of Knowing
- Baxter Magolda’s Epistemological Reflection Model

**ASSIGNMENT DUE:**
**Discussion Board Post #4**

**Mid-term Evaluation**

**October 13**  
**Session 7**  
**Interpersonal Development 1**
- Kohlberg’s Theory of Moral Development
- Rest’s Four Components Model of Morality
- Gilligan’s Theory of Women’s Moral Development

**ASSIGNMENT DUE:**
**Student Interview #1 Analysis**  
(Cognitive Development)


Clinchy, B. M. (2002). Revisiting Women’s Ways of Knowing. In B. K. Hofer and P. R. Pintrich (Eds.), *Personal epistemology: The psychology of beliefs about knowledge and knowing.* (pp. 63-87). Lawrence Erlbaum.


Baxter Magolda, M. B. (1992), Table 2.1 ER Model


Rest – Functions of Moral Thinking (summary handout)

Rest – Four Component Model (FCM) Summary  
[For additional detail on the FCM, see pp. 557-560 of the Bebeau & Monson (2008) article in the Supplemental Readings folder.]
| October 20  
| Session 8  
| Interpersonal/Intrapersonal Development  
| - Erikson’s Identity Development Theory  
| - Marcia’s Ego Identity Statuses  
| - Josselson’s Theory  
| - Chickering’s Theory of Identity Development  
| - Emerging Adulthood  
| - Culturally relevant perspectives on psychosocial identity development  
| ASSIGNMENT DUE:  
| Discussion Board Post #5  


**Supplemental readings:**


**Supplemental readings:**


**Psychosocial Theories of Development**


## October 27
### Session 9
**Social Identity Theory Development**
- Identity in the context of power, privilege, & oppression
- Approaches to studying social identity

**Intrapersonal Development 1**
- Gender and Gender Identity Development

**ASSIGNMENT DUE:** Discussion Board Post #6

## November 3
### Session 10
**Intrapersonal Development 2**
- Sexual Identity Development
- Faith Identity Development

## Social Identity Theories of Development


## Gender Identity Development


**Supplemental readings:**


## Sexual Identity Development
**ASSIGNMENTS DUE:**
- Discussion Board Post #7
- Student Interview #2 Analysis (Interpersonal Development)

**NO SYNCHRONOUS CLASS – ELECTION DAY**


**Faith Identity Development**


**Supplemental readings:**

**Sexual Identity Development**


Wall, V. A., & Washington, J. (1991). Understanding gay and lesbian students of color. In N. J. Evans & V. A. Wall (Eds.), *Beyond tolerance: Gays, lesbians and bisexuals on campus* (pp. 67-
Faith Identity Development


**November 10**
**Session 11**
**Intrapersonal Development 3**

- Racial Identity Development
- Ethnic Identity Development

**ASSIGNMENT DUE:**
Discussion Board Post #8


**READ ARTICLE ASSIGNED IN CLASS AND AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL READING:**


**November 17**  
**Session 12**  
**Intrapersonal Development 4**  
- Disability Identity Development  
- Social Class Identity and Development

**ASSIGNMENTS DUE:**  
Discussion Board Post #9  
Student Interview #3 Analysis  
(Intrapersonal Development)


**Supplemental reading:**  


**Disability Identity**  


**Social Class and Identity**  


**Supplemental reading:**  
**Disability Identity**  
* Cox, B. E., Thompson, K., Anderson, A., Mintz, A., Locks, T., Morgan, L., Edelstein, H., & Wolz, A. College experiences for students with autism spectrum disorder: Personal identity,
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**Integrated Theories of Development**


**Applying Knowledge about Student Development**


**Supplemental reading:**

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**December 8**  
**Session 14**  
**Final Session**
- Developmental intervention project sharing  
- Closing reflections

**ASSIGNMENT DUE:**  
Developmental Intervention Projects
MY STORY PAPER INSTRUCTIONS

RATIONALE
One of the best ways to understand student development theory is to connect it to our personal experiences. In doing so, we may create a deeper understanding of ourselves while becoming better able to identify the strengths and limitations of formal theories of human development. Reflecting upon our own experiences also may illuminate informal theories, assumptions, and beliefs we have about the nature of student development. By making our tacit thoughts more explicit, we may better come to understand the biases, assumptions, and beliefs that may influence how we interpret information and how we engage in work with students.

ASSIGNMENT
In this assignment, you are asked to share part of your story in 4-6 pages. This is a candid, self-reflective narrative rather than a theory based paper. With this in mind, you should not reference any of the materials that will be used in this course.

As you work to craft your story, you may use the following prompts to guide your thinking. While you do not need to address them all in this assignment given space limitations, please give each prompt some thought since they are salient to material we will cover in the course.

• What have been your most significant experiences in the past four to five years (and/or as an undergraduate if this was more than 5 years ago)?
  o Why are these experiences important to you?
  o How did these experiences affect or influence you?
• How have you grown or changed over the past four to five years?
  o What factors or experiences have contributed to those changes?
  o How did you feel during this process of change?
• What kind of experiences do you find challenging?
  o Why do you think these experiences are challenging for you?
  o How do you approach challenging situations?
• What are some of your core beliefs and values?
  o How did you come to hold those beliefs and values?
  o How do you decide what to believe and value?
• Who are you?
  o What factors have influenced your sense of identity?
  o How have you come to see yourself this way?
• How do you relate to or interact with others?
  o How have you come to this view of relationships?
  o What kinds of relationships do you want with others?

EVALUATIVE CRITERIA
As articulated in the accompanying rubric, the depth of your insights, coherence of narrative, and technical writing will be evaluated in this assignment.

DUE DATE: September 8, 2020
**DISCUSSION BOARD POSTS**

**RATIONALE**
In learning communities, it is vital that we engage with each other regularly to advance our collective understanding of the course material. Accordingly, class participation is an expectation of this course. Since we have reduced the about of time we are meeting synchronously over the course of the semester, discussion boards are another way for us to meaningfully share our thoughts about the course content and to interact with each other.

**ASSIGNMENT**
Each week, I will post will a question, video, brief article, or image that is intended to generate discussion related to the focus our current module. Students will respond in two ways: 1) You will post your own thoughts and reactions to the prompt and 2) You will respond to at least two of your peers’ postings.

I will read all messages and I will participate in the discussion as appropriate. However, my role is primarily as an observer and facilitator on the discussion board.

*Original Post Guidelines*
There is not required length of response to prompts, but I suggest your original post be at least 200-250 words in length (approximately two paragraphs) when written responses are required. If/when posts require other forms of response (i.e., audio/video), keep your response concise.

Regardless of format your posts should:
- Be made in time for others to view and respond;
- Reflect your thoughts, insight, and analysis related to the prompt;
- Connect to the course content (i.e., reading, class discussions) or to real-life situations;
- Contain rich and fully developed new ideas, connections, or applications
- Clearly convey your ideas.

*Response Post Guidelines*
After viewing your peers’ posts, you will choose to respond to two threads. Please work to be in conversation with different members of the class throughout the term. Your responses do not need to be as lengthy as your original posting. However, they should:
- Reflect your areas of agreement and/or disagreement with your classmate;
- Build off the ideas your classmate posted;
- Draw from the course content as needed to support your response;
- Clearly convey your ideas.

**EVALUATIVE CRITERIA**
Your discussion posts will be evaluated on the timeliness of submission, the quality of your insights and response to both the original prompt and your peers’ postings, your abilities to make connections to the course material, and the clarity of your response.

**DUE DATES:** Initial post due on Tuesday of each week by 10:00 am EST (i.e., before class)
Response to peers is due by Friday of each week at 11:59 pm EST
THEORY TO PRACTICE CLASS FACILITATION INSTRUCTIONS

RATIONALE
Within a scholarly community, there is shared responsibility for facilitating and contributing to individual and group learning. As the designated facilitators, students will have the opportunity to shape how members of the course engage with the material and deepen their understanding of it as they make connections between theory and practice. When you serve as facilitator your role is to serve as the resident expert on one particular theory and know it well enough to be able to apply within the context of student affairs practice. This assignment will also provide students with the opportunity to practice and to improve their group facilitation skills.

ASSIGNMENT
In groups, students will lead a 45-minute segment of class that is focused on the application of theory in practice. Prior to serving as a facilitator, you and your team will need to:

- Submit a draft lesson plan and any supporting materials via email to Jarett by Wednesday at 5:00 pm EST of the week before you present. For example, if you are scheduled to facilitate on Tuesday, October 13th, your lesson plan is due on Wednesday, October 7th at 5:00 pm EST for review. Jarrett will provide feedback as needed and you may opt to schedule a meeting with him or with Dr. Perez during office hours to discuss your lesson plan as you develop it.

- Submit your final facilitation lesson plan and any accompanying materials (e.g., PowerPoint, video clips, activity instructions, articles) to Canvas before 10:00 am EST on the date you are assigned lead class.

Your lesson plan/facilitation outline should include:
- Learning objectives for your presentation.
- Brief overview of the specific concepts or theory that your group is utilizing. Since we will have spent much of the time before your facilitation reviewing the theoretical content, you do not need to provide an in-depth review of concepts. However, you may wish to point out specific concepts or components of a theory that are relevant to your presentation as a reminder.
- Information on your approach to applying theory to practice (e.g., case study, role play, response to current events, etc.). Please be sure to provide sufficient background information to situate your approach (e.g., readings, case description, policy brief, etc.).
- One creative, active learning opportunity (i.e., small group discussions, activity).
- Information on how you will be allotting your time given the required components described above.

Below are some questions to consider as you prepare your presentation and guide the class through connecting theory to practice. You should address these questions in some fashion throughout the course of your presentation:
- Why is this case, person, situation/interaction, program, policy, process, or practice of interest to you? How has student development theory informed related practice to date?
What are the benefits and limitations of using this particular theory or set of concepts to inform your understanding of and work with this case, person, situation/interaction, program, policy, process, or practice?

How might your personal experience or worldview enhance or limit your ability to understand and apply theory effectively in the case, person, situation/interaction, program, policy, process, or practice you are exploring?

How can theory be better used in the program design, person, situation/interaction, story or process to inform student affairs practice?

**EVALUATIVE CRITERIA**

Your grade will be determined by:

- The timeliness and thoughtfulness of your pre-class preparation.
- Your demonstrated knowledge of the course material and abilities to apply it to student affairs practice.
- Your ability to facilitate/engage the group.
- Your ability to provoke thought and enhance understanding of the assigned readings.

Additionally, you will receive peer feedback on your performance as a discussion leader.
STUDENT INTERVIEW PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS

RATIONALE
This assignment is intended to bring student development theory to life as you use it to interpret your conversations with a currently enrolled college student. In the process of doing so, you will see first-hand how development mediates a student’s interpretation of their experiences. By examining the extent to which an individual’s comments reflect existing theories of development, you will also develop a better understanding of formal theory. Furthermore, you be able to refine your critiques of existing theories.

While the primary aim of this assignment is to help you understand student development theory, this project will also allow you to cultivate your skills speaking to individual students about their experiences. You will also better understand your strengths and areas of potential growth in conducting developmentally focused conversations as you reflect upon your experiences.

ASSIGNMENT OVERVIEW

INTERVIEW COMPONENT
During this semester, you will be conducting three interviews with the same student to better understand how the student’s development influences their interpretation of their experiences. It is critical that you speak to the same student throughout the semester since this project will culminate in your final project for the course.

Some learning community members may find it helpful to conduct interviews with partner in the course though this is not required. In particular, it is helpful if those who have regular contact with undergraduate students pair up with someone who does not have this kind of access to students. Having an interview partner can provide an additional resource to you: another person to listen and who can provide perspective on the student’s comments. While you can conduct interviews in pairs, your subsequent analysis papers should be written independently.

Choosing a Student to Interview
For this project, you can interview almost any student enrolled in an undergraduate program. There are no restrictions on age, background, location, or institution attended. However, you should not interview an immediate family member, a close friend, or someone who you supervise given the nature of the project.

You can conduct interviews in person with appropriate social distancing or you can conduct them remotely over Zoom, Skype, FaceTime, or Google Hangout. Regardless of how you conduct the interview, you’ll need to be able to record the interview audio to use later.

Deciding What Questions to Ask
As you prepare for your interviews, I recommend that you include an opening question that will help you begin the conversation about the topic at hand; this could be a general question (e.g., “Tell me about a situation where you have struggled to do the right thing”) or a question that has been used in prior research (e.g., “What does being a woman mean to you?”). You should develop a list
of questions (no more than 10), but be prepared to let the conversation flow around the general topic of interest and follow up with additional probing questions as needed rather than aiming to strictly follow a specific interview protocol.

**Confidentiality**
Although this not a formal research project, it is critical that you ensure the student’s confidentiality. With this in mind, when you arrange the interview please be sure to: (a) explain the project to the student, (b) inform the student about confidentiality, (c) tell the student you will be recording the conversation, and (d) clarify with the student that it is okay to not answer a question or questions. If a student discloses something to you that worries you (e.g., you’re concerned for the safety of the student or another person) please consult with me.

**Recording the Interview**
You may use any tape recorder, digital recorder, or phone/computer app you have to record your interview. Whatever technology you use, be sure it works, and become familiar and comfortable with your chosen method prior to the interview. You do not need to transcribe the interviews, but you will need to refer to them to obtain verbatim quotes for the subsequent analysis paper you will submit. Also, you will need to destroy your recordings at the end of the term to honor the student’s confidentiality.

**STUDENT INTERVIEW ANALYSIS PAPERS**
Although this assignment requires that your complete all three interviews, you only need to submit two different papers interpreting your student’s comments. You are required complete a paper about your student’s cognitive development. The other papers will ask you to apply theories related to interpersonal or intrapersonal development. Your choice of the later paper may depend on which of these topics yields the richest information. If you choose to submit all three papers, the two highest scores will count toward your course grade.

As you prepare to write your analysis papers, review the interview recording and your reflective memo. Then analyze the student’s comments using the description of development provided by one or more of the theorists whose work is assigned for the appropriate segment of the course. Give a brief overview of your selected model of development (1-2 pages), clearly explaining how more advanced levels of development build on prior levels and set the stage for subsequent levels of development. Then describe the student’s meaning making using the terms and concepts of your selected theory and illustrate it using descriptions and verbatim comments from the interview (3-5 pages). In your response, be sure to differentiate content (e.g., the “what” of a decision or an experience) from its structure (e.g., the type of meaning making, such as the “why” or underlying rationale for a decision) when making your interpretations. Your completed analysis paper should be 5-7 pages in length without references and should follow APA format including the use of citations as needed.
EVALUATIVE CRITERIA
As described in the accompanying rubric, your interview analysis papers will be evaluated for how clearly and accurately you describe the developmental model of interest, how well you support your developmental assessment using evidence from your interview, the degree to which you follow APA format, and the overall clarity and quality of your writing.

DUE DATES:
Student Interview Analysis #1 (Cognitive) October 13, 2020

Student Interview Analysis #2 (Interpersonal) November 3, 2020
(Submit Paper #2 or #3)

Student Interview Analysis #3 (Intrapersonal) November 17, 2020
(Submit Paper #2 or #3)
**Final Integrative Project**

**Rationale**
Throughout the semester you’ve had the opportunity to get to know an undergraduate student through a series of in-depth interviews about their college experiences. You have also interpreted your student’s responses to these experiences through the lens of some of the student development theories we’ve explored this term. This final project is designed to help you explore the educational implications of what you have learned by applying some of the suggested strategies for promoting student development to your student.

**Assignment**
Your main task in this final assignment is to make three recommendations for promoting the development of the student you have interviewed this term. In other words, as an astute and resourceful educator, how could you – as a representative of the student’s institution – be “good company” to this student?

Your recommendations should be grounded in the student’s relevant background characteristics, successes and challenges as a college student, and your assessments of this student’s maturity across the cognitive, intrapersonal, and interpersonal domains. Your recommendations should also be developmentally and sequentially structured (creating a “developmental bridge”), which required both challenge and support. You may find the Learning Partnership Model (Baxter Magolda, 2004; see readings for Session 13) helpful in thinking through this process across developmental domains.

You can present these recommendations in the format that you think would best help you communicate the ideas. Examples of formats for final projects may include but are not limited to:

- A zine
- A video or movie
- A written paper (no longer than 10 pages excluding cover sheet and references)
- A narrated PowerPoint
- An infographic

Regardless of format, your final project should provide the reader or viewer with an overview of your student, describing their background characteristics and summarizing what you have learned about their developmental capacities across the three interviews. This initial section of your project should address:

- Who is this student?
- What do you know about their development?
- What do you think are their major developmental needs or challenges?

In the subsequent portions of your final project, you should describe your three developmental recommendations for the student. Be sure to clearly articulate:

- How these recommendations connect to what you know about your student and their developmental capacities;
- How these recommendations provide adequate challenge and support for the student; and
- How they are developmentally sequenced.
In other words, after following your first recommendation your student will have the capacity to ______ or to do ______. These increased capacities better prepare them to follow your second recommendation, and in turn the third recommendation.

As you craft your recommendations, you can create your own programs, services, experiences, etc. and/or you may draw upon what you know about U-M or practices at your prior campuses. Use your creativity as you design interventions and describe/illustrate how they are developmentally sequenced, or how they reflect various forms of challenge and support.

**Evaluative Criteria**

As noted in the accompanying rubric, your final project will be evaluated for (a) how clearly you summarize your student’s developmental capacities and needs, (b) how well you link the student’s needs to your recommendations, (c) the extent to which you developmentally and sequentially structure your recommendations, and (d) the overall clarity and quality of your work.

**Due Dates:**

WORKING IDEAS FOR CLASS December 1, 2020

*You will not need to turn in any material, but you should bring your working ideas for the project to get feedback from your peers. This will help you craft your final draft.*

FINAL PROJECT DUE December 8, 2020

*Note:* You must complete this final assignment independently, even if you conducted your interviews with another person in the course.