

EDUC 115 Child Development Netiquette

Online Attendance Policy:

Class participation will be required through weekly online discussion. You will be expected to log in to the course regularly, complete the required reading if assigned, participate in online discussions, and complete all exams.

Online Class Discussion:

Weekly online discussion is required for this course. You must participate in threaded discussion and e-mail as a part of each unit of study. Questions will be posted for each unit. Your responses should relate not only to the question, but also to the comments of your classmates and instructor and the topics of your assigned readings. These responses should clearly demonstrate that you have read the required chapter. Your discussion should be relevant to the topic and should move the discussion forward. You should not simply agree or disagree with what has already been stated. Interact with your classmates constructively and respectfully, allowing for everyone to participate. Please follow the rules of netiquette listed below. The quality of your discussion is more important than the frequency or length of your responses.

Netiquette

- Be polite and respectful of one another.
- Avoid personal attacks. Keep the dialogue friendly and supportive, even when you may disagree or wish to present the opposite opinion.
- Be careful with the use of humor and sarcasm. Emotion is difficult to sense through text.
- Be helpful and share your expertise. Foster community communication and collaboration.
- Contribute constructively and completely to each discussion. Avoid short repetitive “I agree” or “good job” responses and make everyone else do the work or research.
- Carefully consider what you write. Re-read all email and responses before sending or posting. Remember that email is considered a permanent record that may be forwarded to others.
- Remember the “Maggie Principle”: don’t write anything down that you wouldn’t want the whole world to read, because they might one day.
- Be brief and succinct. Do not use up other people’s time or bandwidth with long drawn out stories.
- Use descriptive subject headings for each email message. When emailing the instructor, always put your last name in the subject line.
- Respect privacy. Don’t forward a personal message without permission.
- Cite your references on the web including URL, authors, name of article, etc.
- Keep responses professional and educational. Do not advertise products or send chain letters.
- Do not send large attachments unless requested to do so.
- Above all else, use spell check and proper syntax—this is NOT text messaging.

