

Columbia College
Children and Youth at Risk (HSPD281)

Lecture 1

Course Outline

Semester Dates: September 07, 2015 – October 10, 2015

Please note that when a holiday falls during the week, your class will be rescheduled for the Friday of that week. Students are required to make arrangements to be present at the rescheduled class.

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Class Time: Saturdays (8:30am – 5:00pm)

Room: 805-120

Credit: 3

Prerequisite: HSPD107

Note: It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the information contained in the Course Outline and to clarify any areas of concern with the facilitator.

Course Description:

This course examines children and youth at risk in Canada. The course will explore issues facing this population, such as youth crime, substance abuse, schooling, family problems, peer pressure, alcoholism and poverty. Legal system and community implications, youth justice practice and solutions to delinquency problems will be also addressed. Special emphasis will be assigned to various roles, prevention strategies, interventions, knowledge and skills human services professionals need when dealing with children and youth at risk.

Learning Outcomes:

As a result of active participation in these sessions, a student can expect to:

1. Describe and explain the historical traditions and philosophy of youth justice.
2. Define and explain "delinquency" and the various theories of delinquency.
3. Explain the biological, psychological and sociological factors of why juveniles misbehave.
4. Describe what youth crime really "looks like".
5. Compare and contrast the stages of the juvenile justice system and the roles of the various players, and how their roles differ substantially from the adult system.
6. Critically examine and discuss the recommendations for changes in the Youth Justice System.

Course Format:

This course uses a variety of teaching/learning methods including discussion, personal reflection, experiential exercises, student presentations, role-plays, group activities and especially case studies. Our faculty aims to create a learning environment where the learner is actively engaged in inquiry, critical thinking and problem solving. The classroom provides you with a place where you can learn with and from others in a cooperative and collaborative manner.

You are expected to take a very active part in class discussions and take responsibility for your own learning. Be a positive and co-operative team member. Columbia College uses a facilitation model of instruction where the facilitator's role is to facilitate your learning. The expectation is that you will come to class prepared with pre-class homework completed. Your facilitator will engage you in activities that are based on your completed homework and readings. Your enthusiastic and positive approach in the classroom will create an atmosphere that will help every student develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that are needed for success.

How you conduct yourself in our classes will, to a large extent, mirror your conduct in society and your future work site. For example, if you have a tendency to ask questions, challenge the ideas of others in a respectful manner, draw out the best from your colleagues, and encourage both group development and task accomplishment in this class, it is likely you will do the same at work. A high level of student involvement and developing professionalism is expected in the classroom as you work towards your goal.

Required Textbooks and Equipment:

Haig, J., MacMillan, V., Raikes, G., (2014). *Cites & Sources – An APA Documentation Guide, Fourth Edition*. Toronto, ON: Nelson Education Ltd

McWhirter, J., McWhirter, B., McWhirter, E., & McWhirter, R. (2013). *At-risk Youth: A comprehensive response for counsellors, teachers, psychologists, and human service professionals (5th ed.)*. Belmont, CA: Brooks/Cole Cengage Learning.

Recommended Readings and Resources:

Students may access these sources from the College and from home.

ProQuest Nursing and Allied Health, Canadian Business and Current Affairs, and Canadian Newsstand

- <http://proquest.umi.com/login>
Username: cc-library
Password: welcome

GALE InfoTrac Custom Journals

- <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/calq145?db=SP00>
Password: cclibrary09

Further Recommended Readings and Resources:

N/A

Homework Assignment Due for the First Class:

1. Read chapters 1 and 2 of the text, *At Risk Youth: A Comprehensive Response for Counsellors, Teachers, Psychologists, and Human Service Professionals (5th ed.)*.
2. As a result of your reading assignment, write down at least three (3) questions that you would find beneficial to discuss in class.
3. Prepare for a quiz on the assigned readings.
4. Read this syllabus and be prepared to discuss in class.

Evaluation - Assessment of Student Performance:

The final grade in the course will be based on the following elements. Wherever possible facilitators will use rubrics to assess your performance and offer feedback.

| Title of Assignment/Examination | Due Date | Weight |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Assignment 1 | Class 9 | 20% |
| Quizzes | Class 1 - 8 | 20% |
| Daily Summary Assignment | Class 1 - 8 | 20% |
| Presentation | Class 8 or 9 | 10% |
| Final exam | Class 10 | 30% |

Please note that all homework and assignments are due at the beginning of each class.

Grading:

Grades for each component will be added together at the end of the semester. The final total will be translated to the Columbia College's 4.0 grading scale as follows:

Marking and Grading Conversion:

| Description | Letter Grade | Grade Points | Percentage Scale | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|----|
| Excellent | A+ | 4.0 | 100 | 95 |
| | A | 4.0 | 94 | 90 |
| | A- | 3.7 | 89 | 85 |
| Good | B+ | 3.3 | 84 | 80 |
| | B | 3.0 | 79 | 75 |
| | B- | 2.7 | 74 | 70 |
| Satisfactory | C+ | 2.3 | 69 | 65 |
| | C | 2.0 | 64 | 60 |
| | C- | 1.7 | 59 | 55 |
| Poor | D | 1.0 | 54 | 50 |
| Failure | F | 0.0 | 49 | 0 |

Please note that to pass this course you must earn at least a "D" (a minimal pass).

Submission and Completion of Assignments:

You are expected to submit assignments by the due date. Any late assignments may be assessed a marking penalty of 5%. If you are unable to submit an assignment on the due date, you must request an extension **before** the due date by filling out an *Application for Assignment Extension form (SSPP-F012)* that is to be submitted to the Department Chair for approval. This form is available on Columbia's website, Bldg. 802 – Main Office and from Department Chairs.

Requesting an Examination Deferral:

If you are requesting an exam to be deferred, you must submit an Application for *Deferred Examinations form (SSPP-F012)* to the Department Chair **within 48 hours of the missed examination date and time**. Applications for deferred examinations will only be considered due to medical or personal emergency. A medical certificate or other appropriate documentation may be required. This form is available on Columbia's website, Bldg. 802-Main Office and from Department Chairs.

Attendance Requirements:

Columbia College believes that students are committed to their program and learning experiences. However, it is understood that there are times when students may be absent. Any absences can be viewed as a potentially serious disruption of the learning process and necessary achievement of the learning objectives. Being late is also considered unacceptable as it interferes with the learning opportunities of others. Unavoidable absences or lateness must be reported to the course facilitator in advance. Please refer to Columbia College's *Attendance Policy and Regulations (ADM-P151)* for detailed information on Attendance Requirements.

Academic Integrity:

Academic dishonesty is a serious offence and can result in suspension or expulsion from Columbia College.

There is no tolerance for academic dishonesty and any student caught plagiarizing is subject to serious sanctions as outlined in the *Student Code of Conduct Policy (ADM-P229)*. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with this policy and avoid any behavior that could possibly be seen as cheating, plagiarizing, misrepresenting, or putting into question the integrity of one's academic work.

Student Conduct:

It is the responsibility of each student to uphold the expectations and responsibilities outlined in the *Student Code of Conduct Policy (ADM-P229)* and any additional requirements established by your program.

Generally, each student will:

- be respectful and courteous toward others;
- demonstrate appropriate and supportive communication skills, and coach, assist, advise and otherwise support other students in their studies;
- manage any personal stress and conflict in a positive and resourceful manner, and assist others to do the same;
- be dressed in a manner appropriate for their workplace or learning environment, as established by the program;
- conduct themselves in a professional manner with regard to their communication with others and their behavior in class;
- conduct themselves with academic integrity in all of their learning activities, tests, exams, and assignments
- keep up with day-to-day classroom and course expectations.

Important Dates:

| Description | Date |
|---|--|
| Last to add/drop courses | 5 school operating days from the start of the semester OR before the third scheduled class, whichever is greater |
| Last day to withdraw without academic penalty | 50% or less of the semester has been completed |
| Final Examination | A final exam may take many formats. If a final exam is scheduled, it will be taken in an assigned room under the supervision of a Test Proctor. <u>Students must be on time as they will not be permitted to enter once the exam has started.</u> Exam dates, times, and location are posted by the main office Bldg. 802 and by the library in Bldg. 4. <u>It is the student's responsibility to check this exam posting.</u> |

Appeals:

Please refer to the *Student Appeal Policy (ADM-P177)*.

Students with Temporary or Permanent Disabilities:

Students with temporary or permanent disabilities may apply for accommodations. To be considered for an accommodation, a student must register with Columbia College's Disability Services by making an appointment with a Disability Services Advisor – Main Office – Bldg. 802 or emailing disabilityservices@columbia.ab.ca. The Department Chair or facilitator is not able to provide you with any accommodations without you taking this step. Please refer to Columbia College's website to review *the Accommodation Policy and Handbook (ADM-P188)*.

Student Support:

Students should be aware that Life Coaching, Career and Disability Services, and Student Support Services (i.e. tutoring, academic strategists, etc.) are provided by Columbia College. Inquire how to request these services at the Main Office in building 802. It is the student's responsibility to discuss their specific learning needs with the appropriate service provider.

Class Schedule/Overview:

Please note that this schedule is subject to change. Any changes or cancellations will be emailed to you. It is your responsibility to check the email address you have given to the school on a daily basis for any messages from the Department Chair/designate, facilitator or College Administration. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the information contained in the Course Outline and to clarify any areas of concern with the facilitator.

| Class Session | Topics | Pre-Class Readings |
|---------------|---|--|
| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to at-risk issues• Environmental/societal factors that contribute to risk | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapters 1, 2 |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal and ethical issues• Family problems of at-risk children and youth | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapters 4 |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School issues that relate to at-risk children and youth• Individual characteristics of high-risk and low-risk children and youth | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapters 5, 6 |
| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School dropout• Substance use and addiction | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapters 7, 8 |
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teenage pregnancy, STDs, and risky sexual behaviour• Juvenile delinquency and youth violence | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapters 9, 10 |
| 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth suicide• Prevention, early intervention, treatment framework, and other environmental considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapters 11, 12 |
| 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Core components of programs for prevention and early intervention• Peer interventions | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapters 13, 14 |
| 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family interventions• Review | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 12 Presentation due |
| 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentations• Review | Presentation due Assignment 1 due |
| 10 | <i>Final Exam – Due</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• N/A |

Appendix 1 Assignment Outlines

Assignment #1 Due Date: Class 9 Weight: 20%

Students will prepare an essay on “The advent of ‘Social Media’ has had a profound impact on individuals, relationships between individuals and social interactions generally. Considering the risks associated with ‘social media’ use (for example, production of youth crime and substance abuse), and the potential benefits that can be accrued from the use of social media, what is your opinion of unsupervised ‘social media’ use by pre-adolescent youth.” Students will be evaluated according to the attached rubric. The essay will have a minimum length of 1200 words with at least four references from ProQuest and Gale, in addition to the course text. The submission must be to APA standards. Students will be evaluated according to the attached rubric: General Essay Rubric.

Presentation Due date: Class 9 Weight: 10%

Each student will make a 10- to 15-minute PowerPoint presentation on the relevant findings from his or her topic of choice related to the course. The topic should be pre-approved by the facilitator. Students are to be prepared to respond to questions from class members. Students will be evaluated according to the attached rubric: Oral Presentation Rubric.

Quizzes Due Date: Each class from classes 1 through 8. Weight: 20%

Students will be expected to read the assigned chapters in the text and other assigned readings and be prepared to write a graded quiz based on these reading assignments.

Daily Summary Assignment Due Date: Daily (at the conclusion of the class; 1 through 8) Weight: 20%

Students will conclude each of the classes with a summary of the day’s topic that answers the following: “What did I learn? What do I need to know more about? What steps do I need to do to be successful in light of what I learned today?” Be sure to specifically refer to what was discussed during the class. Write in a reflective journaling style and turn your answers into the facilitator for grading. The paper will have a minimum length of 250 words and contain insight into each of these three questions. *N. B. These three questions are there to guide your answers to this assignment, and your facilitator may give you different questions per class, depending on the topic/s of the class.*

Answers are to be written in the last 30 minutes of the class. No answers will be accepted that were prepared prior. If you are absent from the Summary Test, you will receive a “zero”. You may appeal the decision by following the Appeal Policy.

Final Exam Due Date: Class 10 Weight: 30%

Students will be required to write a final exam covering the content of classroom learning and assigned text and other readings. This exam will be a Final Reflection paper. It will be given to you at the test center.

Appendix 2
Assignment Rubrics

Columbia College
General Essay Rubric
Last Revised: January 23, 2014

| Student's Name | | Course Code | | Date | | Facilitator/Evaluator's Name | |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|------------------------------|--|
| Area | A (85% - 100%) 10.0 – 8.5 | B (70% - 84%) 8.4 – 7.0 | C (55% - 69%) 6.9 – 5.5 | D (50% - 54%) 5.4 – 5.0 | F (0% - 49%) 4.9 - 0 | Score | |
| Focus of Essay & Thesis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well written thesis statement that states the main point of the essay. The thesis statement reflects a clear opinion on the subject. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thesis statement states the main point of the essay. The thesis statement reflects an opinion the subject. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thesis statement requires more development. The thesis statement is not clear in demonstrating the opinion of the writer. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thesis statement does not quite meet the requirements to be effective. The thesis statement is confusing and unclear in terms of the opinion of the writer. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no thesis statement. There is no opinion stated or the opinion stated is unrelated to the essay assignment. | | |
| Content Ideas & Analysis - Critical Thinking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Displays extensive in-depth knowledge of the topic. Comprehends deeper meaning and relevance of topic. Conveys insightful, original points of view. Critically synthesizes and evaluates information. Clearly supports statements made with evidence and examples. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Displays good knowledge of the topic. Conveys some original points of view. Comprehends meaning and relevance of topic. Demonstrates careful analysis, synthesis and evaluation of information. Clearly supports most statements with evidence and examples. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Displays adequate knowledge of the topic. Requires further exploration. Demonstrates some analysis, synthesis and evaluation of information. Supports some statements with evidence and examples. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Displays limited basic knowledge of the topic. Explores topic inadequately, leaving areas unexplored. Displays limited analysis, synthesis, and evaluation of information. Most statements are unsupported. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to display relevant understanding of the topic. No evidence of new knowledge. Critical thinking not evident. No evidence or examples are provided to support statements. | | |

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|--|--|---|--|--|--|-------|
| Style & Expression of Ideas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conveys all ideas with originality and clarity. Shows sophisticated development of paragraph and sentence structure, with effective transitions within and between paragraphs. Uses rich, accurate and effective word choice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conveys most ideas with originality and clarity. In most cases shows well developed paragraph and sentence structure with effective transitions within and between paragraphs. Uses accurate and effective word choice. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conveys some ideas clearly. Shows some paragraph development and at times, awkward sentence structure. At times uses vague, ineffective word choice. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conveys few ideas clearly. Paragraph and sentence structure is often faulty. Uses vague, ineffective word choice throughout the essay. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most ideas are not conveyed clearly. Paragraphs lack focus and appropriate structure; sentence structures are simplistic, lacking development. Inadequate word choice. | |
| Organization & Structure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents information in a consistently logical structure. Skillfully shapes introduction and conclusion. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents information in a logical structure. Carefully constructed introduction and conclusion. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents some of the information in a logical structure. Introduction and conclusion require further development. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents information in a random manner, lacking in logical structure. Introduction and conclusion require redrafting. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents poor overall organization, lacking logical structure. Essay does not have an introduction and conclusion. | |

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|--|---|--|---|---|--|-------|
| Mechanics, Grammar, Professional Format | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly error free. Uses APA citation correctly. Meets and exceeds all requirements for an excellent academic response. Meets and exceeds all requirements of the assignment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A few minor errors in usage, grammar, or mechanics. Generally uses APA citation correctly. Meets requirements for a well written academic response. Meets requirements of the assignment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, beginning to interfere with the readability and meaning of the paper. Uses APA citation inconsistently and with some errors. Meets some requirements for an academic response. Meets some of the requirements of the assignment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequent errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, interfering with the readability and meaning of the paper. Use of APA citation contains many errors. Meets a few requirements for an academic response. Meets few requirements of the question. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numerous errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, affecting the readability and meaning of the paper. Many errors in APA citation, demonstrating lack of citation knowledge. Does not meet any requirements for an academic response. Does not meet any requirements of the question. | |

Total Score out of 50:

Facilitator/Evaluator's Comments:

Columbia College
Oral Presentation Rubric
 Last Revised: January 23, 2014

| Student's Name | | Course Code | Date | Facilitator/Evaluator's Name | |
|---------------------|---|--|---|---|-------|
| Area | A (85% - 100%) 10.0 – 7.0 | B - C- (55% - 84%) 6.9 – 5.5 | D (50% - 54%) 5.4 - 5.0 | F (0 - 49%) 4.9 - 0 | Score |
| Organization | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates introduction that is unique, clearly focused and engages the audience. Organizes content logically, making entire presentation easy to follow. Builds main points through carefully selected and original examples/ references. Has effective transition between sections. Summarizes all key points and stimulates thought at the end. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates introduction that is original, clearly focused and gets the attention of the audience. Organizes content logically, making most of the presentation easy to follow. Builds main points through carefully selected examples/ references. Has a transition between most sections. Summarizes most key points and stimulates some thought at the end. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates an introduction that tends to be unfocused. Doesn't engage the audience's interest. Content appears disorganized, without logic and consistency. Builds a few main points with details, but most ideas are unsupported. Few to no transitions are evident. Little to no summarizing evident. Ending does not stimulate much thought. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation shows little to no logical organization. Content is difficult to follow. Not a thoughtful presentation. | |
| Content | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides evidence of supporting research to back all main points. Gives a complete explanation of all key points. Uses relevant examples/ references. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides evidence of supporting research. To back most points. Gives an explanation of most key points. Uses some relevant examples/ references. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides evidence that not enough research has been done to support the content. Gives an incomplete explanation of key points. Uses a few relevant examples/ references. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicates little to no research. Gives a limited explanation of a few points. Uses little to no examples/ references. | |

| Area | A (85% - 100%) 10.0 – 7.0 | B - C- (55% - 84%) 6.9 – 5.5 | D (50% - 54%) 5.4 - 5.0 | F (0 - 49%) 4.9 - 0 | Score |
|--|---|---|--|---|-------|
| Delivery Style: Nonverbal Effectiveness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates ease and confidence through carefully maintained posture, poise, and facial expression. • Uses continual eye contact. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates confidence through most of the presentation with careful posture, poise, and facial expression. • Uses fairly consistent eye contact. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At times demonstrates developing confidence in presenting content. At times uses posture, poise, and facial expression to support presentation. • Uses eye contact inconsistently. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows lack of ease in presenting through poor posture, lack of poise, and lack of facial expression. • Uses poor to no eye contact. | |
| Delivery Style: Verbal Effectiveness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conveys passionate interest for the topic. • Speaks naturally at a moderate rate with correct pronunciation, enunciation and volume. • Uses few unnecessary pauses “ums”. • Makes no obvious grammatical errors. • Uses cue cards or other supports effectively and does not read the presentation. • Uses rich, precise, and varied vocabulary. • Well-rehearsed and prepared. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conveys enthusiasm for the topic. • Most of the time speaks clearly at a moderate rate with correct pronunciation, enunciation and volume. • Uses few unnecessary pauses “ums”. • Makes few grammatical errors. • Most of the time uses cue cards or other supports appropriately, without reading the presentation. • Uses well-chosen and varied vocabulary. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates minimal enthusiasm for the topic. • Speaks with some lack of clarity in pronunciation and enunciation with varying volume and rate of speech. • Uses too many unnecessary pauses (“ums”), distracting from the presentation. • Makes some grammatical errors. • Tends to not use cue cards effectively and mostly relies on reading the presentation. • Uses ineffective vocabulary. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No enthusiasm is conveyed for the topic. Speech is unclear with poor enunciation and incorrect pronunciation. • Volume and rate of speech are often inappropriate, making comprehension difficult. • Uses too many unnecessary pauses “ums”, making comprehension difficult. • Makes frequent grammatical errors. • Reads presentation. • Uses inappropriate or simplistic vocabulary. | |

Total Score out of 40:

Facilitator/Evaluator's Comments: