Liverpool John Moores University

Title: SOCIOLOGY OF CHILDHOOD
Status: Definitive
Code: **4005ECHILD**   (103973)
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Owning School/Faculty: Education
Teaching School/Faculty: Education

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Academic Level:	FHEQ4	**Credit Value:**	24	**Total Delivered Hours:**	51
Total Learning Hours:	240	**Private Study:**	189		

Delivery Options
Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	44
Seminar	4

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS1	Exam (seen paper)	50	3
Portfolio	AS2	Portfolio of Exercises (3000 words equivalent)	50	

Aims

To introduce key sociological ideas, theories and models to understanding childhood and young children.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

1   Demonstrate an understanding of different models of childhood and their implications for attitudes to children, the status of children and the way adults intervene in children's lives.
2   Describe the way childhood is constructed and experienced in a variety of social contexts, nationally and internationally, from the perspective of both the child and adult.
3   Demonstrate an understanding of the theoretical tools that are used for analysing the social contexts in which children, live and grow, and of which they must make sense.
4   Describe and discuss the impact of initiatives such as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and their impact on children's lives in number of contexts, nationally and internationally.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

EXAM   1   3

3000 Word Portfolio   2   4

Outline Syllabus

Using theories of childhood to understand children
Introduction to key sociological ideas
Childhood in different settings and cultures; local, national and international
Influence of media, religion, tradition, technology & consumerism on ideas about childhood and attitudes to children
The politics of childhood
Children's rights
Children's cultures
Children, social problems and the future of childhood
The state & childhood
Socio-economic issues that impact on children + using statistical data

Learning Activities

Lectures, seminars/discussion groups, Blackboard activites.

Notes

This module introduces the key sociological approaches to the understanding of childhood and children.