

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: The History of Childhood  
Status: Definitive  
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Owning School/Faculty: Education  
Teaching School/Faculty: St Helens College

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ4  
**Credit Value:** 20  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 40  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200  
**Private Study:** 160

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	10
Seminar	20
Workshop	10

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	AS1	Presentation ( 5 -7 minutes)	30	
Essay	AS2	Written assignment (2500 words)	70	

### Aims

*To understand the concept of childhood in terms of historical and contemporary perspectives and influences.*

### Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Analyse a contemporary issue faced by children today
- 2 Discuss the historical influences which have contributed to the social construction of childhood
- 3 Examine the factors which contribute to a contemporary understanding of childhood within a national and global context.

### **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

Presentation	1	2	3
Written Assignment	1	2	3

### **Outline Syllabus**

*Definitions of childhood, historical and sociological aspects/influences, children's cultural worlds, power of children in constructing their own childhood, political and economic factors which may influence the concept of childhood, childhood as a national and global concept, and transitions from childhood.*

### **Learning Activities**

Key lectures concerning definitions, influences, factors and perspectives on childhood. Work based activity concerning the examination of children's experiences; small group tutorials discussing key observations of political, social and economic factors which influence childhood experience – leading into whole group seminars with a focus upon key literature. Private study to investigate additional sources of information.

### **Notes**

The main basis of this module is to provide students with an awareness of childhood as a theoretical concept, where key lectures act as catalysts for further independent study and application in the student's work based setting. Seminar discussion and tutorials will offer the students the opportunity to share and discuss their work based findings in the light of their theoretical understanding of the 'childhood' concept. This module is placed at the start of the programme in order to allow students to contextualise the influences and factors affecting the childhood experience that will follow throughout the rest of the programme via module learning outcomes