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# Human and Family Development Seminar – HFD 494

Fall 2014

## Course Location and Time

Skaggs 111  
Monday 4:10 – 5:00pm

## Instructor Information

Instructor: Dr. Paul Silverman  
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[Human and Family Development website](#)

## Required Text

*Far From the Tree: Parents, Children and the Search for Identity*, by Andrew Solomon. (2012) Scribner.

You can get access to an e-version of the book for your computer (web), tablet, e-reader, or smart phone for about \$11.00. You can also purchase a used paperback copy of the book for about \$6.00. You will need to make the purchase immediately. If interested, [here is background on the book](#).

## Course Overview

This seminar is intended to provide an opportunity for minors in Human and Family Development to engage in readings and discussion which cross disciplines relevant to Human Development and provide an opportunity to integrate knowledge in these areas. We will be reading a book during the semester and discussing it in class. In addition, I will show relevant videos and may lecture on related topics. While all of us will do the readings, each of us will be responsible for guiding a class discussion for an assigned portion of the book. As a discussion leader, you are expected to write (and hand out) a set of discussion questions for the class to consider and guide us through the issues raised by the questions. Your grade will be based on attendance, class participation, and your performance as a discussion leader.

## Course Guidelines and Policies

### Academic Honesty

All students must practice academic honesty. Academic honesty is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or a disciplinary sanction by the University. All students need to be familiar with the [Student Conduct Code](#). Some students are not aware of what plagiarism is and do not know that it is unethical. Plagiarism is the presentation of another person's ideas or writing as one's own. In this class, both plagiarism and cheating on tests and papers will result, at minimum, in the assignment of an "F" to the test or paper and the deduction of 100 points from the final grade. I reserve the right to assign an "F" for the course if either occurs.

### Disability Modifications

The University of Montana assures equal access to instruction through collaboration between students with disabilities, instructors, and [Disability Services for Students](#). If you think you may have a disability adversely affecting your academic performance, and you have not already registered with Disability Services, please contact Disability Services in Lommasson Center 154 or call 406.243.2243. I will work you and Disability Services to provide an appropriate modification.

### Course Questions/Issues

If you find that you have questions about the material covered, or problems in any other aspect of the course, I urge you to meet with me or with a TA assigned to the class.

### University Drop Dates and Deadlines

For more information on deadlines and drop dates, please go to the [Registrar's Office website](#).

### Course Schedule

Dates	Topics
Aug. 25	Course Orientation
Sept. 1	Labor Day: NO CLASS
Sept. 8	Son
Sept. 15	Deaf
Sept. 22	Dwarfs
Sept. 29	Down Syndrome
Oct. 6	Autism
Oct. 13	Schizophrenia
Oct. 20	Disability
Oct. 27	Prodigies
Nov. 3	Rape
Nov. 10	Crime
Nov. 17	Transgender
Nov. 24	Father
Dec. 1	Review and Discussion
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 10 (1:10-3:10)</b>	<b>Review and Discussion</b>