SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE HONORS Contract

Child Development 101: Human Growth and Development / **Professor:** Lou Ann Gibson **Units:** 3

Honors Requirements: In addition to satisfying the usual requirements of the regular Human Growth and Development course, the Honors Contract student will complete the following and more critically challenging tasks.

1. Complete a 3rd observation paper, which will be one of the three age ranges not selected as part of the regular course observation assignments. (Regular semester students must submit 2 observation papers during the semester, selecting from 2 of 5 possible age ranges.) This paper must be designated as the Honors Contract paper and will be due on the date specified in the regular course syllabus for that particular observation.
2. Complete a research paper on an appropriate and current topic in the field of human development, chosen by the student, and approved by the professor, incorporating scholarly notation, including Honors Attributes #'s 5 and 6 (above).
3. Meet with the instructor a minimum of 4 times during the semester (to be part of the participation points earned), at least once per month, to discuss the direction and progress of the student's work on the Honors projects. It will be the student's responsibility to initiate the meetings during the professors scheduled office hours.
4. Show evidence of the above Attributes, to be discussed in the required meetings with the professor.

Assignment Format and Content

1. Requirement for 3rd Observation paper.
    a. The paper shall be a minimum of 5 double-spaced, typed pages, font no larger than 12, 1 inch margins.
    b. The textbook must be referenced in all areas required in the assignment.
    c. A minimum of 2 other scholarly sources must also be used and referenced.
    d. The paper will be due on the stated due date for the selected observation in the regular class syllabus.
2. Research Paper requirements.
    a. The paper shall be a minimum of 6 double-spaced, typed pages, font no larger than 12, 1 inch margins, not including charts and photos that may be added to enhance the paper.
    b. The paper shall include a bibliography page, not included in the 6-page minimum.
    c. A minimum of 5 scholarly (journal) references shall be used and cited throughout the paper.
    d. The topic of the paper must be selected by the Honors Contract student and approved by the professor prior to the start of any work. This must be done no later than the last week of February .
    e. The research paper will be due Wed./Thurs., April 25/26 and will not be accepted late.

Grading Criteria

1. The papers shall be written in accordance with the formal requirements listed above, including a demonstration of critical thinking and analytical skills. The papers must be well written, free of typographical and grammatical errors.
2. Attainment of "Honors Level Attributes", including the higher degree of student participation and involvement in the class, will be judged by the professor throughout the semester, with up to 10 points earned by the student.

Revised Grading Scheme

Regular Class Requirements: (see regular course syllabus and assignment packet for details)

In-Class Activities (5 @ 5 points each)	25
Observation Papers (2 total)	100
4 semester Quizzes	100
Final Exam	50

Honors Contract Requirements:

3rd Observation Paper	30
Research Paper	50
Class Participation	10
Total Points Possible:	**365**