Hello and Welcome to FYCS. I am Kate H. Fletcher, M.S. Senior Lecturer in FYCS. I will be your instructor for the semester and I am excited that you've chosen to take this course with me. If you are wondering “what is FYCS?” don’t worry, you are NOT Alone! Simply Stated: We are the Helping-People Major.

I look forward to spending this semester with you; learning and growing together. Let’s make this semester meaningful and worthy of our time.

Are you ready to dive in?

Let’s Go!

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THE BASICS: COURSE INFO.

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is an introduction to the study and practice of family, youth and community sciences. Presents analytic concepts used in the study of family, youth and community sciences. Emphasizes the vulnerabilities and needs of U.S. children, youth, families and communities, and describes human services that maximizes human potential and minimizes personal and societal costs. The course introduces students to the roles and skills of the human service professional.

COURSE FORMAT
This course includes lectures, discussions, videos, group work, guest speakers, in-class exercises, homework, written assignments, web-based assignments, service learning, and exams.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
The Principles of Family, Youth and Community Sciences course is designed to:

1) Introduce the basic premises of research and theory in the study of families, youth & communities.
2) Present human ecological theory as related to FYCS.
3) Describe the status of families, youth, and communities in the 21st century.
4) Identify programs designed to support families, youth and communities.
5) Introduce theory, research, and policy associated with families, youth, and communities.
6) Familiarize students with library research, resource evaluation, and APA style for references.
7) Reinforce the intrinsic and extrinsic value of service-learning.
8) Acquaint students with the professions related to working with families, youth, and communities.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
Upon successful completion of the requirements of FYC3001 students will be able to:

1) Describe the components and purpose of theory.
2) Provide a rationale for understanding and using research in FYCS.
3) Apply Human Ecological Theory to everyday situations.
4) Discriminate between sources of information.
5) Correctly cite references using APA.
6) Restate the demographics, concerns, & issues of families, youth & communities in the 21st century.
7) Recognize key components of common theories of human development, family life, & community.
8) Use and analyze service-learning experience to guide career planning.
9) Work successfully in a group environment.

A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR.

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY
My teaching philosophy is based on engaging my students to be active learners and critical thinkers. With that in mind, it is my role to facilitate an active learning environment where students can participate, be engaged, and use complex critical thinking skills in a variety of ways to appeal to the various learning styles. I believe that students learn best when they are actively engaged in their own learning and the results are that they are more receptive, more responsible, and typically have a better grasp of the material. Therefore, as a lecturer in the FYCS department I believe it is important to create a learning environment conducive to active learning.

1) Teach the fundamentals of FYCS,
2) Discover what students are most passionate about,
3) Get to know my students beyond being a face in my classroom,
4) Prepare students to function effectively both in the classroom and in the real world,
5) Facilitate the acquisition of life-long learning skills,
6) Develop problem solving strategies, and
7) Foster critical thinking.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BUY?

COURSE TEXTBOOKS
WHAT IS FREE?


WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO PASS THIS CLASS?

QUIZZES

For all Quizzes and Exams
A Good night’s sleep and eating a meal before class are far more important than cramming for any exam or quiz; please prepare for each quiz and exam wisely.

Once the first student has completed an exam/quiz and has left the classroom NO other exams/quizzes will be distributed. Therefore, if you enter the classroom late you will not be given the opportunity to take the exam/quiz. Please show up on time and please be prepared for the exam/quiz. Remember, 15 minutes early (to class) is on time, on time is late, and late is unacceptable. Thank you in advance for your preparation.

Syllabus Quiz (10 points – online only)

This quiz will only be available online during the first 2 weeks of class (including drop/add). There are no make-ups for this quiz. Please see the calendar for the due date.

Good Food Revolution Book (15 points - online only)
Your Instructor will provide this book during the first/second week of class. Please read the entire book, while reading it please attempt to connect what you are reading to your (undiscovered/untapped) passion. You will take this Quiz online via Canvas. There will be 15 multiple choice questions based on the book. Please see the course calendar for official open/closed dates.

Quiz 1 (25 points – in class only)
Quiz 1 will cover the first quarter of the semester (Intro to FYCS through What is Theory?) and will be administered in class. This quiz may include multiple choice, matching, and short answer/fill in the blank questions. This quiz consists of 25 questions and one bonus question.

Quiz 2 (25 points – in class only)
Quiz 2 will cover the third quarter of the semester (Community through Advocacy) and will be administered in class. This quiz may include multiple choice, matching, and short answer/fill in the blank questions. This quiz consists of 25 questions and one bonus question.

APA Quiz (100 Points – in class only)
This quiz will test your knowledge of APA 6th edition material. It is an open APA 6th edition book. It will consist of 25 multiple choice questions.
SERVICE-LEARNING

Ethics Form (25 Points)
You will find the Ethics Form in the Assignments Tab under Service-Learning in Canvas. Please sign the Ethics Form and then electronically upload back into Canvas or before the due date. If you do not submit the Ethics Form by the due date you will be asked to drop the class.

Service-Learning Info Form (SLIF) (25 Points)
You will find the SLIF in the Assignments Tab under Service-Learning in Canvas. Please find an agency by which to complete your 25 hours of Service-Learning this semester. This can be any community-based agency/organization. Please print and bring the SLIF with you to this agency, share with this site your class requirement, arrange times to complete your hours, discuss your job duties, and obtain the site supervisors signature on the SLIF. Please be sure to sign the SLIF as well. The completed SLIF will be electronically uploaded back into Canvas. Be mindful that some agencies require trainings, fingerprinting, and/or background checks. If you need an extension on the due date, PLEASE email Kate Fletcher via Canvas to request an extension. Please provide an extension date when emailing. If you fail to submit your SLIF by the due date or the extension due date that you formally requested via Canvas email, you will be asked to drop the class.

Service-Learning Journal (SLJ) (4 Journals at 25 points = 100 points total)
You will find the SLJs in the Assignments tab under Service-Learning in Canvas. These journals will describe your experiences at your service-learning site at 4 different points in the semester. **Please provide significant thought & detail when answering each question, and when possible please provide specific examples.** This Assignment will be graded based on being specific and detailed with your responses, explaining your understanding of what you’ve observed and directly relating it back to concepts and theories covered in class. Spelling, grammar, and punctuation, will also be factored into this grade. Please see the course calendar for the due date.

You will answer the following 6 questions in your Service-Learning Journal:

1. What happened and what did I do?
2. What were the effects of what I did?
3. How did my service learning make me feel?
4. What relationships am I building?
5. How does what I am observing at my placement relate to the concepts and ideas we are currently learning in class?
6. Did I experience any barriers?
7. If I could change anything about my service-learning experience what would it be and why?

Service-Learning Time Log (SLTL) (100 Points)
You will find the SLTL in the Assignments Tab under Service-Learning in Canvas. Please print this document and bring it to your site supervisor at your agency to have them sign it. If you are using more than one agency to complete your hours, there is room on the SLTL to have 2 agencies and 2 signatures, that way you only have to submit 1 SLTL. If for some reason you are not able to complete all 25 hours in the allotted time period in the semester points will be deducted at a rate of 3.5 points per hour not completed. Please see the course calendar for the due date. If you need an extension on the due date,
PLEASE email Kate Fletcher via Canvas to request an extension. Please provide an extension date when emailing.

**KEEPRA – THE TEAM PROJECT**

**The Team Project** (200 points total* – in class time and online submissions)
You will find more information about this presentation in Assignments under KEEPRA in Canvas. We will also have a “de-brief” day in class – please make arrangements to be present in class on that day. Each Team will have time during class to work on KEEPRA, however, you will also need to spend time collaborating outside of class too. This project is disseminated into 12 Steps. Each of these 12 Steps have individual due dates and requirements. Please see Canvas for further details.

*Peer Evaluations (online only)
You will find each of the 5 Peer Evaluations in Assignments under KEEPRA in Canvas. These Peer Evaluations are a required portion of the KEEPRA Team Project. If you choose not to submit a Peer Evaluation, then you will automatically receive a zero on that Peer Evaluation. There Peer Evaluations have individual due dates, please see Canvas for each due date and further details.

**The Project Presentation** (up to 9 Bonus Points – in class only)
You will find more information about this presentation in Assignments under KEEPRA in Canvas. As a team, you may choose to present your KEEPRA Project to the class on the last day of class. Each Team will have up to 5 minutes to present. The sign-up sheet will be made available on the day we play Jeopardy. Sign ups are on a first-come, first-serve basis. You may be as creative and edutaining as you wish when presenting.

**EXAMS**

**Exam 1** (150 points – in class only)
Exam 1 will cover the first half of the semester (Intro to FYCS through Bronfenbrenner) and will be administered in class. This exam may include multiple choice, matching, and short answer/fill in the blank questions. This exam consists of 50 questions and a bonus question.

**Exam 2** (150 points – in class only)
Exam 1 will cover the second half of the semester (Community through Public Policy) and will be administered in class. This exam may include multiple choice, matching, and short answer/fill in the blank questions. This exam consists of 50 questions and a bonus question. We will play Jeopardy to get you prepared for Exam 2 all the while earning extra credit points. You will be sorted into your KEEPRA Teams to win points together.

**LATE POLICY**

With the exception of the Ethics Form, the SLIF, and the Peer Evaluations, if you miss a deadline you will be deducted 5 points per business day late.

**MAKE-UP POLICY**

If you are absent for an in-class quiz or exam due to a UF approved absence, you are allowed to make-up this quiz/exam the following Tuesday during my office hours. Tuesdays are my only day for make-ups as
I have extended office hours on that day. Please plan accordingly. To see the UF Policy on absences see https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx#absences

EXTRA CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

There will be multiple extra credit opportunities available during the course of the semester.

1. To assist me in Getting To Know You (GTKY) better you will receive 5 extra credit points for submitting a completed GTKY with an attached (recent) picture of yourself AND an uploaded (recent) picture of yourself to “My Profile” on Canvas. See the course calendar for the due date.
2. You may also choose to sign up for an “extra credit office visit” with me during my during the first 3-4 weeks of class for an additional 3 points; please click here to make an appointment with me: https://katefletcherofficevisit.acuityscheduling.com/
3. To encourage attendance, as I do not require anyone to be in class, there will be random extra credit points assigned during lectures not to exceed 15 extra credit points in total for ALL extra credit opportunities. It will be at the discretion of the instructor when these points will be given and for what level of participation. These points could be awarded for being in attendance, when called upon, when role is taken, by completing reflection papers, or by completing in class assignment or small group work. Please be mindful that these points are given at the discretion of the instructor, and they may also be removed by the instructor for failure to adhere to UF/IFAS/CALS/FYCS policies.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BE MINDFUL OF?

COURSE GRADING

Remember, your grade is a direct result of the effort that you put into this course. Each assignment has a point value attached to it. You will earn points as you successfully complete each assignment. If at any point in the semester you need assistance, please come see me or any of the TA’s or UGTAs; We are here to help You. We want you to succeed and be your best.

A = 93-100%  
A- = 90-92%  
B+ = 87-89%  
B = 83-86%  
B- = 80-82%  
C+ = 77-79%  
C = 73-76%  
C- = 70-72%  
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TOTAL POINTS Out of 925 points
EXTRA CREDIT Up to 15 points

COURSE GUIDELINES

Online Course Evaluation Process
Student assessment of instruction is an important part of efforts to improve teaching and learning. At the end of the semester, students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course using a standard set of university and college criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at https://evaluations.ufl.edu Evaluations are typically open for students to complete during the last two or three weeks of the semester; students will be notified of the specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results

Academic Honesty
As a student at the University of Florida, you have committed yourself to uphold the Honor Code, which includes the following pledge: “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.” You are expected to exhibit behavior consistent with this commitment to the UF academic community, and on all work submitted for credit at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." It is assumed that you will complete all work independently in each course unless the instructor provides explicit permission for you to collaborate on course tasks (e.g. assignments, papers, quizzes, exams). Furthermore, as part of your obligation to uphold the Honor Code, you should report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. It is your individual responsibility to know and comply with all university policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and the Student Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code at the University of Florida will not be tolerated. Violations will be reported to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of disciplinary action. For more information regarding the Student Honor Code, please see: http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code

Software Use
All faculty, staff and students of the university are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against university policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

Services for Students with Disabilities
The Disability Resource Center coordinates the needed accommodations of students with disabilities. This includes registering disabilities, recommending academic accommodations within the classroom, accessing special adaptive computer equipment, providing interpretation services and mediating faculty-student disability related issues. Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation 0001 Reid Hall, 352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/
Please email me your DRC Letter via Canvas in the first two weeks of class. You may also choose to make an appointment with me via [https://katefletcherofficevisit.acuitiescheduling.com/](https://katefletcherofficevisit.acuitiescheduling.com/) to discuss your accommodations.

Campus Helping Resources

Students experiencing crises or personal problems that interfere with their general wellbeing are encouraged to utilize the university’s counseling resources. The Counseling & Wellness Center provides confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career or academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance.

*University Counseling & Wellness Center, 3190 Radio Road, 352-392-1575,*
[www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/](http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/)

- Counseling Services
- Groups and Workshops
- Outreach and Consultation
- Self-Help Library
- Wellness Coaching

*U Matter We Care,* [www.umatter.ufl.edu/](http://www.umatter.ufl.edu/)

*Career Resource Center,* First Floor JWRU, 392-1601, [www.crc.ufl.edu/](http://www.crc.ufl.edu/)

Student Complaints

Residential Course: [https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF_Complaints_policy.pdf](https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF_Complaints_policy.pdf)

**A WEEKLY COURSE SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN CANVAS (see Home in Canvas for details).**