Calendar Description:
This course provides an overview of childhood exceptionalities including intellectual differences, communication disorders, sensory impairments, developmental and behaviour disorders, and health problems. Issues faced by the exceptional child as well as the parents and siblings are discussed.

Pre-Requisite(s): FRHD*1020, [1 of FRHD*2060, FRHD*2260, FRHD*2280, (FRHD*2270 or PSYC*2450)]

Co-Requisite(s): None  
Restriction(s): None

Method of Delivery: Lectures Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 4:30 - 5:20 pm

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Required Readings:
2. Additional readings are available electronically via library Ares Course Reserve that includes 5 Chapters: Chpt 6 Disorders in children; Chpt 8 Mood disorders; Chpt 10 Anxiety and OCD; AND Chpt10 Substance use disorders and Chpt12. Trauma related disorders, one journal article, Social (pragmatic) communication disorders and autism spectrum disorder by Baird and Norbury, 2016; and one document by the American Psychiatric Association on Changes from DSM IV to 5.

If at any point during the course you have difficulty accessing reserve materials, please contact Reserve Services staff at: Tel: 519-824-4120 ext. 53621 Email: libres2@uoguelph.ca Location: McLaughlin Library, First Floor, University of Guelph http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/find/find-type-resource/course-reserves-ares/how-get-course-reserve-material

Course Description:
This course is a foundational course in the study of children and youth with exceptionalities and their families. A wide range of exceptionalities will be examined in terms of their characteristics, aetiology, long-term outcomes, and impact on the child and family. One main learning outcome is the demonstration of knowledge, comprehension, and analytic and professional writing abilities under conditions that require organization and forward planning. Students will be invited to reflect on the lived experiences of exceptionalities for children, youth and families, children’s holistic development
and responsiveness to children’s observed abilities, interests and ideas. Students will gain knowledge of inclusive early learning environments that support diverse, equitable and accessible developmental and learning opportunities for all children and their families. Students will have the opportunity to practice professional skills of self-regulation and maintaining attention. (Course credit 0.5).

**Course Requirements:**
The course consists of three lectures per week. The lectures are designed to explore themes based on course readings, and relevant emerging themes that may be outside the text. Also, many issues covered by the text are not considered in the lectures. Students are responsible for both the text and the lectures.

**Evaluation:**
3 Mid-term Tests and in class writing assignments 20% each (60%)
Final Exam 40%

Midterm Tests and writing assignments (20% each): Three in-class tests and short answers to case study questions will be held on October 3, November 2 and November 19. The tests and assignments will be prepared so that they can be completed in ~40-minutes to allow time for set up and collection of tests within the 50 minutes (the length of time we have the classroom). The format is multiple-choice and short answer. The midterms will cover all course material including lectures, text book and any additional materials.

Final Exam (40%): December 4, 2018 2:30pm - 4:30pm (2018/12/04) Location: TBA
Format: Multiple choice covering both text and lectures. Students are responsible for ensuring that they do not have a time conflict with examinations in other courses. You are not permitted to enrol in this course if you have a time conflict with another course.

**Tentative Schedule**

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*Chapters, document and journal article available in Ares Course Reserve
No class on Oct 5, 26, Nov 23 in lieu of online discussion opportunity of case studies
When you cannot meet course requirement: When you find yourself unable to meet in-course requirements due to illness or compassionate reasons, please advise the course instructor in writing with your name, address and email contact.

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Learning Outcomes achieved in this course:
1. Critical & Creative Thinking: Reflect on the various complexities and factors that directly and indirectly influence children with exceptionalities, their families and their relationships
2. Literacy: Clearly articulate knowledge of exceptionalities
3. Communicating: Develop skills to communicate as professionals
4. Professional & Ethical Behaviour: Critically reflect on ethical and professional issues in interaction with people

By the end of this course you should be able to:
1. Identify a wide range of exceptionalities for children and youth with knowledge of the characteristics, aetiology, short- and long-term developmental outcomes, and impact on the family of the exceptionalities
2. Understand how learners with exceptionalities are identified, including the difference between diagnoses of exceptionalities and identification as learners with exceptionalities
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the needs of children and youth with exceptionalities, including the social and educational barriers they face through discussion of case studies;
4. Demonstrate awareness of a variety of evidence-based practices that address the needs of learners with exceptionalities;
5. Identify strategies and resources that can be utilized in current and future work with exceptional children and youth;