

FALL 2016
SOCIOLOGY 445
SOCIOLOGY OF CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE

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Prerequisites: Soci or ECS major/minors only

General Education: No

Catalog Description: Examines childhood and adolescence in various historical and social contexts. Explores children's agency, how institutions socialize and control youth and social problems confronting young people. Critically evaluates strategies for conducting research about, with and by youth.

Additional Notes on the Class: Additional substantive areas covered in this course this semester include children as consumers, children as paid and unpaid workers, rites of passage in childhood/adolescence, as well as other topics.

Course Requirements: This class will include both lectures and class discussion, with participation in class activities required. Participation also requires completing readings in advance of the class and occasionally bringing relevant outside materials to class. There will be a midterm, final, research paper/class presentation, and two-three additional short writing assignments. Pop quizzes may also be incorporated into the class design as needed to encourage timely completion of required readings.

Required Books: TBA