

SOCI3045A
Children and Childhood in a Globalized World

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

A socio-historical and cross-cultural exploration of constructions, deconstructions, and the experience of childhood in Canada and internationally. This course invites us to use sociology and anthropology to think about childhood in new ways. It considers how children's experiences are shaped by the worlds in which they inhabit, and the ways that children shape the world in turn. We will explore the different and changing ways that childhood has been conceptualized across time and space, from a developmental stage to complex actors with rights, voices and privileges. The first half of the course will focus on competing theoretical perspectives and debates about the nature of childhood and the roles of children. The second half of the course will consider substantive issues through an interdisciplinary lens. Key themes include care, poverty, labour, violence, disability, education, citizenship, rights, colonialism, and activism.

EVALUATION

Description	Date	Weight
Discussion Post (5)	Weekly	20%
Content Evaluation (5)	Weekly	20%
Critical Reflection	July 24, 2025	20%
Policy Analysis	August 23, 2025	40%

TEXT

This course will use a selection of readings and material available on Brightspace through Library Reserves/ARES. These include ethnographic excerpts, poetry, policy, memoir, theoretical texts, and empirical research. We will also engage with various media such as podcasts, youtube videos, and blogposts.