**EDUTL 7169 (36630): Children's Social Development and**

**Social Worlds of the Classroom**

**Autumn, 2022**

**Thursdays: 4:30 – 6:50**

This course emphasizes children’s social development through the understanding of children’s social worlds including the phenomenon of their play from the early through the middle school years.

Students will examine:

1. relationships among theories, research, & practices related to children’s social growth and social lives.
2. social development of diverse populations including children of diverse ability levels and from diverse socio-economic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds.
3. concepts with strong implications for the classroom, such as peer culture, friendship, gender, hierarchy, affiliation, and group dynamics and functioning.

***Questions to explore….***

**How is play & games part of children’s social worlds?**

**Why might children exclude or include other children?**

**How is literacy part of children’s social worlds?**

**How is children’s media part of children’s social worlds?**

**What is the role of socialization in children’s social worlds?**

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