



CI 424: CHILD DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY



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Time: Tuesday & Thursday, 2-3.20pm

Credit: 3 undergrad / 4 grad hours

CRN: 62105

An ever-increasing number of digital toys, child-friendly computer devices and apps are being made available to support learning and development during the early years. However, there are also questions about whether young children should use technology, and whether the activities that are being replaced by technology are more appropriate to support development and learning.

One class each week will focus on lectures and discussions about child development, while the second class will focus on a presentation of a technology or technology-enhanced toy and evaluation of their value for young children. Toys will be provided to students to evaluate throughout the course.

