**HUS 3605 Child Welfare and Family Services**

**COURSE CALENDAR**

**WEEK** **TOPIC**

1 Introduction to the Course

 Children: Our Most Important Resource

2 Child welfare in the United States: Policy and Practice

 The Changing Family in America

3 Childhood Poverty

 Violence: Impact on Children

 Addiction: Impact on Children

4 Children Against the Backdrop of War: Addressing the Needs of Military Families and Refugees

 ***Skill Building in class***

5 Assessing the Needs of the Child and the Family’s Ability to Meet

 These Needs

 Intervention: Case Management, Crisis Intervention, Family Preservation

 and Support, Kinship Care and Foster Care

6 **Midterm Exam**

7 Counseling for Families & Children

 Daycare and Educational Settings: Responding to the Needs of Infants,

 Toddlers, Preschoolers and School-Aged

 Children

8 Protecting Children When Families

 Cannot: Child Abuse & Parenting

Investigating the First Report: Assessment in Emergency Response

Group A Case Study:

9 Teenage Pregnancy & Parenting Serving the Child’s Best Interest

Maintaining Families: When Risk Exists But Not Enough to Remove the Child from Home

Group B Case Study:

10 Family Preservation or Child Placement? Serving the Child’s Best Interest

 Court Services on Behalf of Children

11 Children in Family Foster Care

 Reunifying Families: Bringing the Child Back After an Out-of-home Placement

Group C Case study:

12 Children in Residential Settings

When There Is No Going Back: Finding an Alternate Permanent Family

Group D Case study:

13 The Adoption of Children

14 The Organizational Context of Practice

 Our Children’s Future

15 **Final Exam**