

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Fall 2017	Instructor Name:	Anabelle Alvarez
Course Title & #:	Developmental Psychology Conception to Death	Email:	Anabelle.alvarez@imperial.edu
CRN #:	10630	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	412	Office #:	
Class Dates:	8/15 - 12/5/17	Office Hours:	
Class Days:	Tuesday	Office Phone #:	
Class Times:	6:30 - 9:40 pm	Emergency Contact:	Behavioral and Social Sciences Secretary (760) 355-6144
Units:	3 units		

Course Description

A study of human development from conception to death, including genetics, conception, prenatal development, infancy, toddlerhood, pre-school years, middle childhood, adolescence, early adulthood, middle adulthood, later adulthood, and death. Theories and research of physical, cognitive, personality, and social development are examined, as well as attention to developmental problems (CSU) (UC credit limited, see counselor).

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

12th Grade Reading Level

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

- 1. Identify and demonstrate understanding of the physical milestones from conception to death. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO5)*
- 2. Identify and demonstrate understanding of the cognitive development patterns from conception to death. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO5)*
- 3. Identify and demonstrate understanding of Erikson's stages of psychosocial development. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO5)*

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Contrast and compare developmental theories and approaches (including how different theoretical perspectives affect or determine the research and application that arise from them)
2. Analyze elements of a scientific approach to understanding human development in a biopsychosocial context
3. Identify biological, psychological, and sociocultural influences on lifespan development
4. Describe the ways in which psychological principles and research apply to real world problems and issues across the lifespan
5. Describe the sequences of physical, social, and cognitive development across the lifespan, using the constructs, and conceptual framework provided by psychological perspectives
6. Identify and describe the techniques and methods used by developmental psychologists to study human development
7. Identify and describe classic and contemporary theories and research in lifespan psychology
8. Describe the developing person at different periods of the lifespan
9. Identify possible causes or sources of developmental change and reasons for disturbances in the developmental process

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Berger, K.S. (2014). *Invitation to the Lifespan (2nd/e)*. NY Worth. ISBN:9781429283526

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

This course will consist of a combination of lectures, class discussions, assigned readings, group and individual projects, and performance on quizzes and exams.

Projects/Thought Papers. *There will be three (3) 1 to 2 page papers due at various times during the semester. For the paper you can read an article regarding developmental psychology. This article can be in a newspaper, magazine, psychology journal, off the internet or even be an issue mentioned in a television program; or you may write a thought paper about a topic of your choice related to developmental psychology from the book, or class discussion. The thought paper is a chance for you to give your opinions, viewpoints, and personal experiences. Each thought paper will be 1 to 2 pages and will be worth 25 points. **No late thought papers will be accepted.***

Quizzes. *Four (4) quizzes will be given during the semester. No late quizzes will be accepted. Three quizzes will be worth 15 points and one quiz will be worth 10 points.*

Assignments. There will be approximately two (2) group assignments given, each worth 25 points. More information about these assignments will be given at a later date.

Exams. Four (4) exams will be given. Exams will consist of multiple choice, fill in the blank, short answer and essay questions from the textbook and lectures. No make-up exams will be given unless you have contacted me PRIOR to the exam and let me know you will not be able to take the exam. If you contact me prior to the exam, you will have one week to make-up the exam. Each exam will be worth 100 points. **Please bring a scantron and a #2 pencil to each examination.**

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Grading System:

90-100%=A	Exams	4@	100pts.	400 pts.
80-89%= B	Quizzes	4@	15 and 10 pts.	55 pts.
70-79%= C	Projects	3 @	25 pts.	75 pts.
60-69%=D	Assignments 2 @		25 pts.	50 pts.
0-59%= F	Participation			20pts.

Total= 600 pts

Attendance

[Required Information: The below information is the IVC attendance policy. Use this information in addition to any specific attendance policies you have for your course.]

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student’s status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student’s responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.

- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as ‘excused’ absences.

Classroom Etiquette

[Required Information: Describe your policies regarding classroom conduct. The below is suggested language and may be modified for your course.]

- Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by the instructor.
- Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed by the instructor.
- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the [General Catalog](#).
- Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, only students enrolled in the class may attend; children are not allowed.

Online Netiquette

[Required Information for web-enhanced, hybrid and online courses: Describe your policies regarding netiquette. The below is suggested language and may be modified for your course.]

- What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.
- Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others’ opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!)].

Academic Honesty

[Required language.]

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another’s work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one’s own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to “cite a source” correctly, you must ask for help.

- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Additional Student Services

[Suggested Language.]

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- **CANVAS LMS.** Canvas is Imperial Valley College's main Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.
- **Learning Services.** There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).
- **Library Services.** There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the [Study Skills Center](#), study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

[Required language.]

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the [Disabled Student Programs and Services \(DSP&S\)](#) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

[Required language.]

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- **Student Health Center.** A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information.

- **Mental Health Counseling Services.** Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 or in the building 1536 for appointments or more information..

Veteran's Center

[Required language.]

The mission of the **IVC Military and Veteran Success Center** is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

[Required language.]

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) offers services such as priority registration, personal/academic counseling, tutoring, book vouchers, and community referrals to qualifying low-income students. EOPS is composed of a group of professionals ready to assist you with the resolution of both academic and personal issues. Our staff is set up to understand the problems of our culturally diverse population and strives to meet student needs that are as diverse as our student population.

Also under the umbrella of EOPS our CARE (Cooperative Agency Resources for Education) Program for single parents is specifically designed to provide support services and assist with the resolution of issues that are particular to this population. Students that are single parents receiving TANF/Cash Aid assistance may qualify for our CARE program, for additional information on CARE please contact Lourdes Mercado, 760-355- 6448, lourdes.mercado@imperial.edu.

EOPS provides additional support and services that may identify with one of the following experiences:

- Current and former foster youth students that were in the foster care system at any point in their lives
- Students experiencing homelessness
- Formerly incarcerated students

To apply for EOPS and for additional information on EOPS services, please contact Alexis Ayala, 760-355-5713, alexis.ayala@imperial.edu.

Student Equity Program

[Required language.]

- The Student Equity Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College’s success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. Student Equity addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The Student Equity Program provides direct supportive services to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students’ access to education, degree and certificate completion, successful completion of developmental math and English courses, and the ability to transfer to a university. Contact: 760.355.5736 or 760.355.5733 Building 100.
- The Student Equity Program also houses IVC’s Homeless Liaison, who provides direct services, campus, and community referrals to students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact: 760.355.5736 Building 100.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

[Required language.]

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

Information Literacy

[Required language.]

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous [Information Literacy Tutorials](#) to assist students in this endeavor.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

[Required Information – Discretionary Language and Formatting: The instructor will provide a tentative, provisional overview of the readings, assignments, tests, and/or other activities for the duration of the course. A table format may be useful for this purpose.]

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
8-15-17	Syllabus and Course Introduction	
8-22-17	The Science of Human Development From Conception to Birth	Chapter 1 Chapter 2
8-29-17	From Conception to Birth The First Two Years: Body and Mind Take Home Quiz #1	Chapter 2 Chapter 3
9-5-17	The First Two Years: Body and Mind The First Two Years: Psychosocial Development	Chapter 3 Chapter 4
9-12-17	Exam #1. Thought Paper #1 Due	Chapters 1-4
9-19-17	Early Childhood-Body and Mind Early Childhood -Psychosocial Development	Chapter 5 Chapter 6
9-26-17	Middle Childhood-Body and Mind Take Home Quiz#2	Chapter 7
10-3-17	Middle Childhood-Psychosocial Development 1 st Group Assignment	Chapter 8
10-10-17	Exam #2. Thought Paper #2 Due	Chapters 5-8
10-17-17	Adolescence-Body and Mind Adolescence-Psychosocial Development Take Home Quiz #3	Chapter 9 Chapter 10
10-24-17	Emerging Adulthood-Body, Mind, and Social World	Chapter 11
10-31-17	Exam #3. Thought Paper #3 Due	Chapters 9-11
11-7-17	Adulthood-Body and Mind Adulthood-Psychosocial Development	Chapter 12 Chapter 13
11-14-17	Late Adulthood-Body and Mind Take Home Quiz #4	Chapter 14
11-21-17	Thanksgiving Break	No Class
11-28-17	Late Adulthood-Psychosocial Development Death and Dying 2 nd Group Assignment	Chapter 15
12-5-17	Final	Chapters 12-15

*****Tentative, subject to change without prior notice*****