

Psychology 204

Developmental Psychology – Conception to Death

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Berger, Kathleen S. Invitation to the Life Span, 2010. 2nd Edition, New York: Worth Publishers.

Course Description:

This course is designed to introduce you to the main concepts and theories of developmental psychology, from conception to death. This course surveys psychology as both a science and an applied discipline. Topics to be covered include conception, prenatal development, infancy, toddlerhood, preschool years, middle childhood, adolescence, early adulthood, middle adulthood, late adulthood and death and looks at physical, mental and social development in each of the above mentioned stages.

Course Objectives:

The objectives of this course are: **1)** To critically think about and gain knowledge of the main theories and concepts of developmental psychology; and **2)** To leave this course with a basic understanding of developmental psychology, not only in the academic sense, but also an understanding of the everyday or practical nature of developmental psychology and how it applies to your physical, mental and social development.

Course Format:

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

Course Requirements:

Attendance and Class Participation You are expected to attend class and stay for the entire period. You will be expected to demonstrate an understanding of the assigned reading by actively participating in class discussions. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to get class notes from a fellow student. If you are going to miss a class, please call me **before** class to let me know. The drop date for the semester is April 11, 2014. If you want to drop the class, it is your responsibility to do so, don't expect me to drop you.

Thought Papers There will be 2 one to two 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 1-2 pages and will be worth 25 points. **No late thought papers will be accepted. I will accept thought papers by e-mail as an attachment.**

Applications 14 questions will be assigned. These questions are found at the end of each chapter. You will need to choose 1 question to answer and turn it in at the end of the class session. **No late Applications questions will be accepted.**

Exams Four 4 exams will be given. Exams may consist of multiple choice; fill in the blank, short answer and essay questions from the textbook, lectures and videos. **No make-up exams** will be given unless you have called 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.**

Student Learning Outcomes

SLO # 1 Student will identify and demonstrate understanding of the physical milestones from conception to death. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO5)

SLO # 2 Students will identify and demonstrate understanding of the cognitive development patterns from conception to death. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO5)

SLO # 3 Students will identify and demonstrate understanding of Erikson's stages of psychosocial development from conception to death. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO5)

Grading System:

90-100% = A	Thought Papers	2@	25 pts.	50 pts.
80-89% = B	Applications	14@	10 pts.	140 pts.
70-79% = C	Exams	4@	100 pts.	400 pts.
60-69% = D				
0-59% = F				

TOTAL: 590 points

Special Accommodation:

Should a student enrolled in the course require a special accommodation due to a disability in order to complete the requirements of the course, please advise the instructor immediately or contact the Disabled Student Programs and Services at (760) 355-6312.

Academic Dishonesty:

Please read and understand this section fully. Academic dishonesty (cheating) of any type will not be tolerated in my classroom. If a student is caught committing any type of academic dishonesty he or she will be given a 0 for the assignment/exam and will be reported to Student Affairs for further handling of the matter. In addition, unless you have made prior arrangements with the instructor, leaving during the class period or while watching a movie will be counted as an absence. If you get up and leave during class, please do not return. Coming in and out is disruptive to the other students as well as to me. No cell phones should be answered during class or examinations.

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

Date	Topic	Reading Assignment
01/21/14	Introduction to Class	
01/28/14	Genes & Prenatal Development	Chapter 2
02/04/14	First Two Years-Body & Brain	Chapter 3
02/11/14	First Two Years-Psychosocial Development Thought Paper #1 Due	Chapter 4
02/18/14	EXAM #1	
02/25/14	Early Childhood – Body & Mind	Chapter 5
03/04/14	Early Childhood-Psychosocial Development	Chapter 6
03/11/14	Middle Childhood-Body & Mind	Chapter 7
03/18/14	Middle Childhood-Psychosocial Development Thought Paper #2 Due	Chapter 8
03/25/14	EXAM #2	
04/01/14	Adolescence – Body & Mind	Chapter 9
04/08/14	Adolescence-Psychosocial Development	Chapter 10
04/15/14	Emerging Adulthood-Body, Mind & Social	Chapter 11
04/15/14	EXAM # 3	
04/22/14	Spring Break	
04/29/14	Adulthood-Body, Mind, Psychosocial	Chapters 12&13
05/06/14	Late Adulthood-Body, Mind & Psychosocial	Chapters 14&15
05/13/14	FINAL	

This instructor reserves the right to make announced modifications to this course outline.