

Imperial Valley College
PSY 204 Developmental Psychology: Conception to Death
Fall 2015

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Class Times: Thursdays 2:00 p.m.-5:10 p.m. (CRN# 10628)
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Required Textbook: Invitation to the Life Span (2nd Edition) Kathleen Stassen Berger

Course Description: This course is designed to introduce students 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.

Student Learning Outcome (IVC): Upon completion of the course, students will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes as being demonstrated by being able to:

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

Course Requirements:

Attendance and Class Participation

Attendance is a crucial part of this course. Students are expected to demonstrate their understanding of the assigned readings by actively participating in class discussion. Please schedule all appointments outside of class time. If for some reason you are absent, it is **your** responsibility to get class notes from a fellow student. Additionally, if you decide not to continue the course, it is **your** responsibility to drop the course on WEBSTAR by or before the drop date.

Thought Papers (4 @ 25pts)

There will be a total of four thought papers throughout the semester. This is a 1-2 page paper based on the readings and class material. Thought papers should address an interesting idea regarding a learned behavior from the text, class discussion, an article from the internet or magazine, movie and/or television show from your point of view. Please do not provide a review of the assigned reading but your own thoughts regarding the topic. The main focus of this assignment is for you to think critically about psychology and to begin exploring your ideas. You do not have to write what you think I would agree with, you just need to justify your ideas and statements with explanations.

Each paper is worth twenty-five points. All thought papers must be typed, in twelve point font, and double spaced. All papers are due at the beginning of class. **No late papers will be accepted nor will they be accepted via e-mail.**

Tests (4 @ 50pts)

There will be a total of four tests given throughout the semester. All tests will be multiple choice and are worth fifty points each. **Please make sure to bring a #2 pencil and scantron with you to class. No make-up exams will be given.**

**A make-up exam will only be allowed with a 48-hour prior notification and/or a documented proof of the emergency.

In-Class/Homework Assignments (5 @ 10pts)

To be discussed further in class.

Grading:

Thought Papers (4 x 25pts) 100pts

Tests (4 x 50pts) 200pts

In-Class/

HW Assignments (5 x 10pts) 50pts

*****Total of 350pts*****

***There will be one Extra Credit option available. This will be discussed further in class and will be worth 30pts.

350-300 points = **A**

299-250 points = **B**

249-200 points = **C**

199-150points = **D**

149 & below = **F**

Classroom Etiquette:

Please turn your cell phones off or to "vibrate". Texting and answering your phone will not be allowed in class. Laptops and tablets will be allowed for note taking purposes only.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S):

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. Contact Info: (760) 355-6312, Room 2117

Student Counseling and Health Services

Mental health counseling and health services are available to students provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee. Counseling services are provided by licensed clinicians and interns at IVC Student Health Center located inside of the Health Science building.

Contact Info: (760) 355-6310

Class Agenda

Date	Topic	Homework
Week 1 August 20 th	Introductions/Syllabus Chapter 1	Buy your Book for class Read Chapter 2
Week 2 August 27 th	Chapter 2 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 3
Week 3 September 3 rd	Chapter 3 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 4
Week 4 September 10 th	Chapter 4 In Class Assignment	Thought Paper #1 Study for Test (Ch.1-4) Please, be on time!
Week 5 September 17 th	TEST (Ch. 1-4) Turn in Thought Paper #1	Read Chapter 5
Week 6 September 24 th	Chapter 5 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 6
Week 7 October 1 st	Chapter 6 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 7
Week 8 October 8 th	Chapter 7 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 8
Week 9 October 15 th	Chapter 8 In Class Assignment	Thought Paper #2 Study for Test (Ch. 5-8)
Week 10 October 22 nd	TEST (Ch. 5-8) Turn in Thought Paper #2	Read Chapters 9 & 10
Week 11 October 29 th	Chapter 9 & 10 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 11
Week 12 November 5 th	Chapter 11 In Class Assignment	Thought Paper #3 Study for Test (Ch. 9-11)
Week 13 November 12 th	Test Prep/TEST (Ch. 9-11) Turn in Thought Paper #3	Read Chapters 12 & 13

Week 14 November 19th	Chapters 12 & 13 In Class Assignment	
Week 15 November 26th	NO CLASS Thanksgiving	Read Chapters 14 & 15
Week 16 December 3 rd	Chapter 14 & 15 In Class Assignment	Thought Paper #4 Study for Test/Final (Ch. 12-15)
Week 17 December 10th	FINAL (Ch. 12-15) Turn In Thought Paper #4	Have a wonderful Break!! 😊