SYLLABUS

Developmental Psychology 2304.030
Semester: Fall 2017
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Instructor’s Office Hours: MWF 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM, 2:00 PM – 2:50 PM or by appointment, TTr 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM, 2:15 PM – 3:00 PM or by appointment. I will inform via announcement if I have to leave campus early for any reason. If these posted hours are not possible for you, appointments may be made with me and I will do my best to accommodate your needs.
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**Course Objective:** The objective for this course is to bring to the learner an overall view of the science of Developmental Psychology via the specific topical approach to life span development. The course is designed to assist the learner in mastering an understanding of various psychological and developmental concepts through several modalities and their applicability in the world around us focusing on the various areas of human development.

**Student Learning Objectives:**
- **Essential**—to gain a factual knowledge of terminology, classifications, and methods as they pertain to developmental psychology
- **Essential**—to learning fundamental principles, concepts, and theories pertaining to developmental psychology
- **Important**—to learn to apply the course material to improve thinking, problem solving, and see how the concepts of psychology are used in real world situations.
- **Important**—to develop specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in fields most closely related to this course
- **Minor Important**—to develop skills in expressing oneself orally and in writing as it relates to this course materials
- **Minor Important**—learning how to find and use resources for answering questions or solving problems and following through on scientific research

**Attendance Policy:** All students are expected to attend all classes as scheduled and complete all assignments for this course in a timely manner. In this class, your attendance constitutes 3% of your overall course grade. Each student begins the semester with 60 attendance points. Each absence will cost the student 2 attendance points and zeroes for any in-class activities for that day. A written doctor’s excuse or a mandatory absence due to University activity does not exempt you from losing the attendance points, but will earn the student the right to make up any work missed without penalty.

**Course Grading Criteria:** The overall grade earned in this course will be based on the percentage of overall points out of a possible 2170 points (approximately) for the semester and will be evaluated as follows:

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**Academic Honesty (ASU Honor Code):** Angelo State University expects the students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. “Faculty expects all students to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner
that is above reproach and to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experience both in and out of the
classroom setting and may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic
dishonesty, including but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism, collusion, and
the abuse of resource materials.” Angelo State University Department of Psychology, Sociology, and Social Work
adheres to the academic honesty statement as set forth in the University Student Handbook and students are responsible
for understanding the Academic Honor Code, which is available on the web at:
http://www.angelo.edu/content/files/17358-university-honor-code.

Disabilities Code: Persons with disabilities which warrant academic accommodations must contact the Student Life
Office, Room 112 University Center, at 325.942.2047 in order to request such accommodations prior to their being
implemented. You are encouraged to make this request as early in the semester as possible so that appropriate
arrangements can be made.

Research Experiences: All students in Psychology 2304 courses will be offered an opportunity during the semester to
earn some extra credit points in the course. (See Grading Criteria, Extra Credit) Details will be given in your
Blackboard Announcements and on Discussion Board. Your class project will also center around research.

For your information: You will be expected to check Blackboard regularly (minimum of 2 to 3 times per week) for
my posted announcements, detailed instructions, and to stay on top of class requirements and some of your
assignments will be posted in the course content section of Blackboard for you as well. I do expect common courtesy to
be observed in my classroom. This is a hybrid course and as such you will take your quizzes and exams online in Bb. The
quizzes will be given on Fridays and the Exams will always be given on Mondays (unless precluded due to Holiday). The text covers 17 chapters of material. Each exam in this course will cover only 3 or 4 chapters of your text
and the final is not comprehensive. I highly recommend you read your assigned chapters before you come to class in
order to be better prepared to participate in the class discussions and activities each week. Stay on top of your course
work to avoid getting behind as the course will snowball and overwhelm you very quickly if you do not. Your final exam in this course is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2017 from the Exams & Quizzes button in Bb and is
open to you for 24 hours beginning 8 am Wed 12/13 and closing at 8 am on Thurs 12/14/2017. Please be advised that
should anything occur requiring me to miss a class period, I will set up an online discussion board for those classes that
you will be required to “attend” and follow the instructions on the assignments related to those on line class sessions.

Tentative Course Schedule:

Week #1: Introduction & orientation, go over syllabus, course requirements and expectations. Chapter 1
dealing with The Life-Span Development Perspective. We will discuss the science of Life-span development,
how development is studied and some of the special challenges faced by developmental psychologists. We will
look at the prominent theories of development and discuss the scientific research methods used in
Developmental Psychology.

Week 1 requirements: Read chapter 1 for comprehension, facilitate account for ConnectLab access, participate
with in-class activity 1, and take quiz 1 online and complete Essay 1.

Week #2: Monday—Labor Day Holiday—no classes. Chapter 2 dealing with Biological Processes, and Health. We will look at the Evolutionary perspective and genetic foundations of development. We will also take a look
at the interaction between heredity and the environment (the great nature vs. nurture debate) and then talk
about prenatal development and the birth process as well as the postpartum period.

Week 2 requirements: Read chapter 2 for comprehension, participate with in-class activity, and take quiz 2.

Week #3: Chapter 3 dealing with Physical Development and Biological Aging. We will look at body growth and
changes specifically, talk about brain development in the various age groups, discuss sleep and how it affects
development as well as the normal biological aging process and longevity.

Week 3 requirements: Read chapter 3 for comprehension, and complete an in-class activity, and complete the
shopping homework.

Week #4: Chapter 4 dealing with Health. Discussions include the overall health in the various age groups,
ilness and disease. We will also look at nutrition and eating behavior, exercise, and substance use and abuse in
the various age groups.
Week 4 requirements: Read chapter 4 for comprehension, complete quiz 3 and complete Lab in in the ConnectLab button of Bb. There will be no homework and no essay for this week. Study for Exam 1 covering chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Week #5: Monday—Take Exam 1 in Exams and Quizzes button in Bb over chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4. Chapter 5 dealing with Motor, Sensory, and Perceptual Development focusing on the motor development including gross and fine motor skills in infants and children, sensory and perceptual development with a focus on visual and auditory perceptions in the age groups.

Week 5 requirements: Take Exam 1, Read chapter 5 for comprehension, complete observation homework sheet based on motor development observations in infants, and no quiz this week.

Week #6: Chapter 6 dealing with Cognitive Developmental approaches focusing on Piaget’s constructivist approach, and Vygotsky’s sociocultural perspective. These approaches will be looked at for the infant, the child, the adolescent and adult.

Week 6 requirements: Read chapter 6 for comprehension, complete the homework worksheet on Piaget’s A & A and take Quiz 4. Also be prepared for an in class activity. We will go over the class project this week.

Week #7: Chapter 7 dealing with Information Processing. We will be discussing the development of memory in the infant, the child, the teen, and the adult along with problem solving abilities, decision making, and the concept of metacognition.

Week 7 requirements: Read chapter 7 for comprehension, no essay this week nor homework, and there will be no quiz for this week. Study for 2nd Major Exam covering chapters 5, 6, and 7.

Week #8: Monday—Take Exam 2 over chapters 5, 6, & 7 in Exams and Quizzes button in Bb. Chapter 8 dealing with Intelligence and Chapter 9 focusing on Language Development. We will be looking at the concept of intelligence and its development, measuring IQ, controversies involving intelligence, achievement and aptitude tests, and the extremes of intelligence and creativity. We also discuss intellectual deficits and the intellectually gifted along with the basic components of language in the infant and further language development in the child and the adolescent as well as the biological and environmental influences on language development in these chapters.

Week 8 requirements: Read chapter 8 and 9 for comprehension, complete Essay 2 as assigned, and take Quiz 5. Also complete Lab assignment 2.

Week #9: Chapter 10 dealing with Emotional Development and Attachment. We will cover emotional regulation, competence and the development of emotion through the age groups. We will also look at temperament as well as attachment and even love.

Week 9 requirements: Read chapter 10 for comprehension, no Essay but complete homework 4, and take quiz 5.

Week #10: Course Projects due. Chapter 11 dealing with The Self, Identity, and Personality. We will look at self-esteem and the self-concept and talk about the development of our identity. We will also discuss various theories of personality development and generativity as well as look at the concepts of stability and change as they relate to personality.

Week 10 requirements: Turn in your Course Project. Read chapter 11 for comprehension, complete Essay 3 as assigned, participate in a class activity, no homework for this week, and take quiz 6. Also study for Exam 3 covering chapters 8, 9, 10, & 11.

Week #11: Exam 3 on chapters 8, 9, 10, and 11. Chapter 12 dealing with Gender and Sexuality. We discuss both biological and social as well as cognitive influences on sexuality. We will look at some gender stereotypes and gender development in the various age groups. We will explore sexuality through the life span and talk about sexual orientation, sexual behaviors and sexual harassment. Extra Credit opportunity #1 offered.

Week 11 requirements: Take Exam 3 in Exams and Quizzes button in Bb over chapters 8, 9, 10, and 11. Read chapter 12 for comprehension, complete homework 5 as assigned, and take quiz 7, complete Lab #3. This week offers you the first of 2 optional opportunities to earn extra credit in the course which we will discuss in class including due date.
Week #12: Chapter 13 dealing with Moral Development, Values, and Religion. This chapter looks at the
domains of moral development, prosocial and antisocial behavior as well as discussion values and religion and
spirituality as part of human development.

Week 12 requirements: Read chapter 13 for comprehension, complete Essay 4 as assigned, no homework this
week, participate in class activity, and take quiz 8. XC opportunity 1 due.

Week #13: Wed through Friday (11/22/17 – 11/24/17) Thanksgiving Holiday—no classes. Chapter 14 dealing
with Families, Lifestyles, and Parenting. Discussion examines family processes including the perspective of the
family as a system. We look at the diversity of adult lifestyles and discuss parenting on childhood development
as well as other family relationships including siblings and grandparents.

Week 13 requirements: Extra Credit Item 1 Due. Read chapter 14 for comprehension, participate with in-class
activity, complete Essay 5 as assigned, no homework this week, and take quiz 9. The 2nd Extra Credit
opportunity offered this week and Study for Exam 4 over chapters 12, 13, and 14.

Week #14: Exam 4 over chapters 12, 13, and 14. Chapter 15 dealing with Peers and Sociocultural World and
chapter 16 dealing with Schools, Achievement, and Work. In these chapters we look at peer relations in
childhood and adolescent, the concept and functions of friendships, play and leisure in the various age groups as
well as aging as it relates to the social world.

Week 14 requirements: Take Exam 4 over chapters 12, 13, & 14 in Exams and Quizzes button in Bb. Extra
Credit Item 2 Due. Read chapter 15 and chapter 16 for comprehension, complete Essay 6 as assigned this week,
and take Quiz 10. Be sure to complete Lab #4 in ConnectLab as well. All make up tests for any major exams
missed will be offered this week.

Week #15: Chapter 17 dealing with the final challenge: Death, Dying, and Grieving. The chapter looks at death
as a system and the various cultural contexts. We also note death issues in determining death and decisions
relating to life, death, and health care. We will discuss the developmental perspective on death. Further, we will
look at facing our own death and coping with the death of someone else and the grieving process that follows.
How do we want to take our leave of this world?

Week 15 requirements: Read chapter 17 for comprehension, complete Essay 7 as assigned, no Lab assignment,
and no quiz this week. Study for Final Exam (5) covering chapters 15, 16, and 17.

Week #16: No classes. Final exam Wednesday, December 13, 2017 open online for 24 hours beginning 8 AM
Wed 12/13 and closing 8 AM Thurs 12/14/2017.

As the instructor, I reserve the right to change this syllabus at any time during the semester as may be deemed
necessary to complete the work and/or enhance the learning and application of this material. Thank you and I
look forward to our working together this semester.

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