

**Psychology C26
Developmental Psychology Laboratory Course**

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Course Overview

During the term, there will be class discussion of research design and methodology used in the study of human development. It is important therefore to come to class prepared to discuss issues raised in the required reading for that week.

In addition to class discussion of research methodology, there will be two class projects. The first project involves a research critique, enabling you to gain experience applying principles of design and methodology to developmental research. The second project concerns observational methodology and will acquaint you with an important research approach in developmental psychology. More detailed information about each project will be provided as the term progresses.

Evaluation

There are two papers based on the class projects and an examination. The examination will cover material presented in class and material from the required reading assignments throughout the entire term. In addition, students are expected to take part in class discussion during the term. Each of these components is weighted as follows:

- Paper for project 1 (due October 14) : 25%
- Paper for project 2 (due December 2): 25%
- Examination (during the final exam period): 35%
- Participation in class discussion: 15%

Textbook

The textbook for this course is Developmental Research Methods (2nd edition) by Scott A. Miller. This text can be purchased at the Scarborough Campus Bookstore.

Required Reading Assignments and Class Schedule

Required reading assignments listed below are from your textbook: Developmental Research Methods (2nd edition) by Scott A. Miller. At the end of each chapter, you will notice that there are suggested exercises. Some (but not all) of these will be included for class discussion. The specific exercises to be included will be indicated in class during the term.

Assignment:	Class Schedule:
Introduction Overview of Project 1	September 9
Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 Continue Project 1	September 16
Chapter 3 and Chapter 5 Continue Project 1	September 23
Chapter 6 and Chapter 7 Continue Project 1	September 30
Chapter 8 and Chapter 9 Continue Project 1	October 7
Paper for Project 1 due Discuss Project 1 in class	October 14
Overview of Project 2 Chapter 4	October 21
Continue Project 2	October 28
Continue Project 2 Chapter 10	November 4
Continue Project 2 Chapter 11	November 11
Continue Project 2	November 18
Continue Project 2	November 25
Paper for Project 2 due Discuss Project 2 in class	December 2