

Introduction to Developmental Psychology

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Course Description:

This course presents students with a broad and integrative overview of child development. Major theories and research findings will be discussed in order to understand how the child changes physically, socially, emotionally, and cognitively with age. Topics are organized chronologically beginning with prenatal development and continuing through selected issues in adolescence and life-span development.

Text:

Parke, R. D., Gauvain, M., & Schmuckler, M. A. (2010). *Child Psychology: A Contemporary Viewpoint*, Third Canadian Edition. Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson.

Course Requirements and Grading:

There will be two term exams during the semester and a final exam. Each test will cover only material discussed since the last test. Each of these exams will contribute one-third to your final grade in this class. The dates of these exams will be announced in class.

Syllabus

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic(s)</u>	<u>Reading</u>
Week 1	Introduction to Class & History of Child Development Themes and Theories of Development	Ch. 1
Week 2	Developmental Methods Biological and Environmental Aspects of Development	Ch. 1 Ch. 2, 3
Week 3	No Class	
Week 4	Perceptual Development Motor Development	Ch. 4 Ch. 5
Week 5	Physical Growth Cognitive Development: Piaget and Vygotsky	Ch. 5 Ch. 8
Week 6	Cognitive Development: Piaget and Vygotsky Cognitive Development: Neopiagetian Approaches	Ch. 8
Week 7	Cognitive Development: Information Processing Cognitive Development: Intelligence	Ch. 9 Ch. 10
Week 8	Cognitive Development: Intelligence, con't Cognitive Development: Language	Ch. 10 Ch. 7
Week 9	Emotional Development and Attachment Agents of Socialization: The Family	Ch. 6 Ch. 11
Week 10	Agents of Socialization: The Family, con't Agents of Socialization: Peers and Play	Ch. 11 Ch. 12
Week 11	Agents of Socialization: Peers and Play, con't Social Development: Gender	Ch. 12 Ch. 13
Week 12	Social Development: Gender, con't Social Development: Morality	Ch. 13 Ch. 14