

SYLLABUS
Child Development
Psych 313-003
Fall 2006

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Class Hours & Location: Tues & Thurs; August 29 – December 7, 2006
7:30-8:45 a.m.
Innovation Hall, Room 134

Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9:00 am to 10:00 am

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Home Phone: 703 437-8763 (No phone calls after 9 p.m. please.)

REQUIRED TEXT: Santrock, John W. (2007). Child Development 11th ed.
Boston: McGraw-Hill
ISBN# 978-0-07-322628-6

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND REQUIREMENTS:

In this course, the student will become acquainted with the developmental journey of the child. Development will be viewed through the lens of a bio-psycho-social approach. Physical, cognitive, and emotional development will be explored spanning the pre-natal through adolescent years of childhood. Topics as attachment, language development, family, peers, school, and culture will be explored. Developmental theorists as Freud, Piaget, Erikson, Vygotsky, Bowlby, Skinner and Bronfenbrenner will be covered.

Although not mandatory, regular class attendance is encouraged, and regular attendance can result in up to 1 point added to the final grade. Class attendance will be considered as participation in the course.

LECTURE: Lecture material will be taken from the assigned textbook. The student will be held responsible for all material discussed in class, and the material contained in the texts, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

EXAMS: There will be three exams: September 28, October 26, and December 7. There will be no final exam on finals week. Exam #1 is worth 25 points. Exam #2 and Exam #3 are each worth 30 points.

PLEASE NOTE: Exam dates are subject to change. Sometimes we get ahead or behind schedule. Exams will be given when a particular set of chapters is covered. Your best assurance of not missing an exam date is to **COME TO CLASS**. There will be no make-up exams – No exceptions.

PRESENTATION: Each student or group of students is expected to give a presentation to the class within the time period of the course. Topics will be chosen on a sign-up sheet distributed the first class week. Presentations may be done individually, or in a group (not more than three).

This presentation will be worth 15% of the final grade (15 points). Each presentation will be no longer than 15 - 20 minutes long, contain visuals, and class interaction. The student will hand in a one to two page written summary to accompany his/her presentation. If power point is used, this summary will not be comprised of a handout of power point slides used, but rather be a synopsis of the presentation, listing sources used. A late presentation equates to the loss of 5 points – No exceptions.

FINAL GRADE COMPOSITE:

Attendance/Participation:	Up to 1 point
Exam #1:	25 possible points
Exam #2:	30 possible points
Exam #3:	30 possible points
Presentation:	15 possible points
Total:	101 possible points

* Last day to drop a class in fall semester with no tuition liability is Sept. 12, 2006.

GRADE BREAKDOWN:

100 +	A+	74-76	C
95 +	A	70-73	C-
90-94	A-	60-69	D
87-89	B+	< 60	F
84-86	B		
80-83	B-		
77-79	C+		

HONOR CODE:

All provisions of the GMU Honor Code apply to this class. Therefore, performance on the quizzes and in the final project is expected to be the student's own work. Proper referencing is required. (Consult the APA guide.)

Accommodations:

If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 703 993-2474. All accommodations must be arranged through that office.

COURSE SCHEDULE (Subject to change – see above note)

Tues Aug 29	Chapter 1
Thurs Aug 31	Chapter 1
Tues Sept 5	Chapter 2
Thurs Sept 7	Chapter 2
Tues Sept 12	Chapter 3
Thurs Sept 14	Chapter 3
Tues Sept 19	Chapter 4
Thurs Sept 21	Chapter 4
Tues Sept 26	Chapter 4

Thurs Sept 28	Exam # 1
Tues Oct 3	Chapter 5
Thurs Oct 5	Chapter 5
Tues Oct 10	No class – Columbus Day holiday
Thurs Oct 12	Chapter 6
Tues Oct 17	Chapter 6
Thurs Oct 19	Chapter 7
Tues Oct 24	Chapter 7
Thurs Oct 26	Exam # 2
Tues Oct 31	Chapter 10
Thurs Nov 2	Chapter 10
Tues Nov 7	Chapter 10
Thurs Nov 9	Chapter 11
Tues Nov 14	Chapter 11
Thurs Nov 16	Chapter 12
Tues Nov 21	Chapter 12
Thurs Nov 23	No class – Thanksgiving recess
Tues Nov 28	Chapter 15
Thurs Nov 30	Chapter 15
Tues Dec 5	Review
Thurs Dec 7	Exam # 3 – No final exam on finals week

A sign-up sheet for your presentation date will be passed around in class the first week of class. Late presentations result in a deduction of 5 points – No exceptions.