

Developmental Psychology

PSYC 211 – 006 Fall 2008

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Required text: Santrock, J. W. (2008). *Life Span Development* (11th ed). Boston: McGraw-Hill

Additional readings: Articles relating to the topics covered in class may be distributed throughout the semester.

Course objective:

The objective of this course is for the student to become familiar with and understand the field of human development within a biological, cognitive, and socio-emotional framework. Our goal is to use theory, research and observation to deepen our understanding and awareness of ongoing development in all stages of life from conception to death.

Quizzes:

There will be **4 online quizzes** totaling 10% of your grade to be taken throughout the semester. Quizzes are posted at:

http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/007353191x/student_view0/index.html

You are required to complete each online quiz no later than 11:59pm the night before each in-class exam (but can take it anytime before that). EXCEPT for quiz #4 which is due the night before the last day of class. You may complete a quiz for any chapter of your choice that will be covered on the next exam. For example, for Exam 1, you will take 1 online quiz on your choice of either ch 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 and submit the results at anytime between the first day of class and 11:59pm 9/22/08. Late submissions will NOT be accepted for any reason.

Directions for online quizzes:

- Access website
- Select a chapter from pull down menu on left
- Under the Quizzes heading select **Matching Key Concepts**
- Complete the quiz
- At the end of the quiz click **Submit Answers**
- At the end of the results page fill out the following information to email your results:
 - My Name: (insert your full name)
 - Me: (insert your GMU email address)
 - My Instructor: (afitzge3@gmu.edu)
- Change format from **HTML to Text**
- **NOTE:** no credit will be given if results are not emailed!

Exams:

There are a total of **four exams** (3 non-cumulative interim exams and 1 **cumulative final exam**) consisting of multiple choice, true/false, matching and fill-in-the-blank questions. You may drop your lowest grade on any one of the **first 3 interim** exams. **The final cannot be dropped.** The two highest interim grades will then each count for 25% of your grade. The final will count for 30%.

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Missed exams:

There are NO make-ups for a missed exam. Because the lowest exam grade is dropped, if you are late or absent and miss an exam that will be the one that is automatically dropped (not including the final). No exceptions. If you know ahead of time that you have to miss more than one exam drop the class now. The final can NOT be made up at another time.

Participation/Attendance: It is strongly recommended that you attend class. Any material covered in class will be the basis of exams. If you miss class, please ask fellow classmates for notes before coming to me. I will be glad to meet with you to discuss anything after you do this. In addition there will be in class assignments/activities which will count towards 10% of your overall grade. These may include class discussions, written summary responses, attendance quizzes etc. Attending and participating in class is the only way to receive these points. There are NO make-ups for missed in class assignments/participation points.

NOTE: You are responsible for any and all announcements and modifications made to the syllabus whether you are present each week or not.

Technology statement: Required knowledge of technology for this course includes the ability to retrieve announcements and/or handouts sent via email to your GMU address. You are responsible for making sure your account has enough available space to receive such emails. I will also be using Blackboard to post weekly notes/announcements. You are expected to regularly access this course website: <https://gmu.blackboard.com> Additionally, you are required to complete 4 online quizzes found at:

http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/007353191x/student_view0/index.html

The GMU honor code will be strictly enforced. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and will be reported to the University Honor Board &/or penalized. Please refer to the University Honor Code if you have further questions about what is expected of you and your level of academic integrity.

Students with Disabilities: 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 academic accommodations must be arranged through that office.

Add/Drop Deadlines:

The last day to add a class is **September 9**

The last day to drop a class is **September 26**

	Tentative Course Schedule:	Assignments Due:
T 8/26		Syllabus/ Ch 1
Th 8/28		Ch 2
T 9/2		Ch 3
Th 9/4		Ch 3
T 9/9		Ch 4

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Th	9/11		Ch 4
T	9/16		Ch 5
Th	9/18		Ch 5
		<i>online quiz due before 11:59pm 9/22</i>	<i>online quiz #1</i>
T	9/23	EXAM 1	(Ch 1-5)
Th	9/25		Ch 6
T	9/30		Ch 6
Th	10/2		Ch 7
T	10/7		Ch 7
Th	10/9		Ch 8
T	10/14	Columbus Day Recess: Monday classes	
Th	10/16		Ch 9
T	10/21		Ch 9
		<i>online quiz due before 11:59pm 10/22</i>	<i>online quiz #2</i>
Th	10/23	EXAM 2	(Ch 6-9)
T	10/28		Ch 10
Th	10/30		Ch 10
T	10/28		Ch 11
Th	10/30		Ch 11
T	11/4		Ch 12
Th	11/6		Ch 13
T	11/11		Ch 15
		<i>online quiz due before 11:59pm 11/12</i>	<i>online quiz #3</i>
Th	11/13	EXAM 3	(Ch 10-13, 15)
T	11/18	NO CLASS (away at conference)	** Read Ch 16,17 you will be
Th	11/20	NO CLASS (away at conference)	tested on this material**
T	11/25	THANKSGIVING BREAK	
Th	11/27		Ch 18
T	12/2		Ch 19
		<i>online quiz due before 11:59pm 12/3</i>	<i>online quiz #4</i>
Th	12/4		Ch 21
T	12/16	EXAM 4: FINAL EXAM (7:30am-10:15am)	(Ch 16-19, 21)

Grades:

Attendance/participation	10%
4 online quizzes	10%
Interim Exams (2 x 25%)	50%
Final Exam	30%

Total **100%**

A+ (97% & above); A (93-96%); A- (90-92%); B+ (87-89%); B (83-86%); B- (80-82%);
C+ (77-79%); C (70-76%); D (60-69%); F (59% & below)