

PSYCHOLOGY 211(001)– Developmental Psychology

SPRING 2006 MWF 12:30-1:20 pm Lecture Hall Room 3

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TEXT: Papalia, D., Olds, S., and Feldman, R. (2004). Human Development (9th ed). New York, NY: McGraw-Hill.

GOAL: We will study development throughout the entire lifespan, from conception to death, in such areas as physical, cognitive and psychosocial development. Our goal is to use theory, research and observation to deepen our understanding and awareness of ongoing development in all stages of life. (This is a General Education course and we've been asked to remind students of the General Education mission statement that is in the University Catalog (p. 9) and on the web at www.gmu.edu/departments/provost/gened/.)

TECHNOLOGY: We will be using Web CT for the syllabus, chapter notes, class activities, and grades. The best way to contact me is through e-mail.

Students automatically receive a WebCT username and password authorization when they first register for courses at George Mason. The username and password is always the same as their Mason e-mail account username and password. If you need to activate your email account please go to <https://chimera.gmu.edu/e-mail/prod/index.html>

To use Web CT you will need to go to <http://webct41.gmu.edu>. You click on Login and it will ask for your user name and password. Then a list of courses you have on webct will appear and you click on Psyc 211(001) There is also a website that explains webct – <http://www.irc.gmu.edu/Webct/default.asp> and you can get technical support at webct@gmu.edu.

EXAMS: There will be 4 exams and a final. Each exam will consist of objective questions (multiple choice, true/false, matching). You will need a GREEN scantron (882-ES) – it's the older one without the student ID. (60 points each). The final will be worth 40 pts.

In addition, there will be an OPTIONAL REPLACEMENT EXAM given on the same day at the same time as the final, after the final is completed, which can be used to SUBSTITUTE for a missed exam or a low grade. This REPLACEMENT EXAM is cumulative and all objective. I would suggest a study strategy of reviewing old exams (25%of the questions will be taken from old exams) and looking over chapter summaries. (60 points)

MISSED EXAMS: If you are unable to make an exam (e.g. illness, business, etc.), you must leave a message on my voice mail or e-mail BEFORE the scheduled exam. Otherwise you will have to use the optional cumulative exam to replace it. If you qualify to make up the exam since you contacted me before the exam for a legitimate reason, it should be done as soon as possible.

CLASS ACTIVITIES: Frequently we will have class discussions or other graded class activities. There will be 12 of these. You must be in class to do them. You can make up two of these. The topic will be posted on webct after each discussion has occurred. All make-ups must be turned in by 4:00 pm on 5/5/06. (Up to 3 points each, depending on quality of response)

EXTRA CREDIT: 1) There will be 2 extra credit true/false questions on each regular exam. (8 pts)

2) You can clip ONE article from a recent newspaper or magazine or print an article from the internet on a topic relevant to the course. The article should be turned in with a cover sheet including the name and source of the article and a paragraph summarizing it, commenting on its value, interest, support of the text, contradiction to the text – something that would encourage me to read the article. Last day to turn in extra credit is 5/3/06 by 4:30 pm. I would suggest you do it early in the semester. (3 pts)

GRADES: Grades will be based on a total of 316 points – Exams 1-4 (60 pts each)- 240; Final – 40; Activities (12)(3 pts each) – 36. Letter grades will be A=294 pts; A- = 284.5 pts; B+ = 275 pts; B= 262.5 pts; B- = 253 pts; C+ = 243.5 pts; C = 230.5 pts; C- = 221; D = 189.5 pts; F = Below 189.5 pts.

DISABILITY HELP: 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.

HONOR CODE: All provisions of the GMU Honor Code will be followed in this class.

SYLLABUS*

M 1/23 Chapter 1	M 3/20 Chapter 9	Last day to add – 2/7
W 1/25 Chapter 2	W 3/22 Chapter 10	Last day to drop – 2/24
F 1/27 Chapter 2	F 3/24 Chapter 10	Elective withdrawal period- 2/25-3/24
M 1/30 Chapter 3	M 3/27 Chapter 11	
W 2/1 Chapter 3	W 3/29 Chapter 11	
F 2/3 Chapter 3	F 3/31 Chapter 12	
M 2/6 Chapter 4	M 4/3 Chapter 12	
W 2/8 Chapter 4	W 4/5 Chapter 13	
F 2/10 Chapter 4	F 4/7 EXAM 3 (Ch 9-12)	
M 2/13 EXAM 1 (Ch 1-4)	M 4/10 Chapter 13 & 14	
W 2/15 Chapter 5	W 4/12 Chapter 14	
F 2/17 Chapter 5	F 4/14 Chapter 15	
M 2/20 Chapter 5 & 6	M 4/17 Chapter 15	
W 2/22 Chapter 6	W 4/19 Chapter 16	
F 2/24 Chapter 6 & 7	F 4/21 Chapter 16	
M 2/27 Chapter 7	M 4/24 EXAM 4 (Ch 13-16)	
W 3/1 Chapter 7 & 8	W 4/26 Chapter 17	
F 3/3 Chapter 8	F 4/28 Chapter 17	
M 3/6 Chapter 8	M 5/1 Chapter 18	
W 3/8 EXAM 2 (Ch 5-8)	W 5/3 Chapter 18	
F 3/10 Chapter 9	F 5/5 Chapter 19	
3/13-3/17 SPRING BREAK	M 5/15 FINAL (Ch 17-19) 10:30 am – 1:15 pm	
	M 5/15 Replacement Exam (OPTIONAL) 10:30 am- 1:15 pm (All chapters)	

*Syllabus subject to change as necessary