

SYLLABUS
Psychological Factors of Aging
Psych 415-001
Summer 2006

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Class Hours & Location: Tues & Thurs, June 6 through July 25, 2006
7:20 – 10:00 pm
Science & Technology I Room 126

Office Hours: Tuesdays: 6:00 – 7:00 pm

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REQUIRED TEXT: Hoyer, W. J. & Roodin, P. A. (2003). *Adult Development And Aging* (5th Ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill.
ISBN: 0-697-36202-7

Snowdon, D. (2002). *Aging with Grace*. New York: Bantam Books.
ISBN: 0-553-38092-3

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND REQUIREMENTS:

In this course, the student will become acquainted with the developmental journey of the aging adult. Development will be viewed through the lens of a bio-psycho-social approach. Topics as attachment, friendship, intimacy, memory, spirituality, death & dying, will be explored.

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 two exams: Thurs, June 29th and Tues. July 25th. There will be no final exam. Each exam is worth 30 points.

PRESENTATION: Each student or group of students is expected to produce a presentation of a chapter in the text (or an alternate topic) within the time period of the course. Chapters and/or topics will be indicated on a sign-up sheet distributed the first class evening. Presentations may be done individually, or in a group (not more than three).

This presentation will be worth 25% of the final grade (25 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.

BOOK DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION:

The entire class will read and report on the required text, *Aging with Grace* by Snowdon. Each class member must hand in a reflection (what the book meant to you individually) (not more than 3 double spaced pages). We will discuss the book on Tuesday July 11th. Reflections are due in hard copy in class on this date – no exceptions. No credit will be given at all if class is missed on this date.

FINAL GRADE COMPOSITE:

Attendance/Participation:	Up to 1 point
Exam #1:	30 possible points
Exam #2:	30 possible points
Presentation:	25 possible points
Book reflection and discussion:	15 possible points
Total:	101 possible points

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:

Strict adherence to the GMU Honor Code as stated in the GMU catalog is expected and enforced.

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.

***Last day to drop a class in summer session B with no tuition liability is June 14, 2006.**

COURSE SCHEDULE (Subject to change)

Tues June 6	Chapter 1
Thurs June 8	Chapter 2
Tues June 13	Chapter 3
Thurs June 15	Chapter 4
Tues June 20	Chapter 5
Thurs June 22	Chapter 6
Tues June 27	Chapter 7
Thurs June 29	Exam # 1

Tues July 4	No class
Thurs July 6	Chapter 8
Tues July 11	Chapter 9 & discussion of <i>Aging with Grace</i> Reflection paper due in class this evening
Thurs July 13	Movie - <i>Iris</i>
Tues July 18	Chapter 11
Thurs July 20	Chapter 13
Tues July 25	Exam # 2 (no final exam)

Please Note: There will be a sign-up sheet for the due dates of presentations.
Late presentations will result in a reduction of at least ten points (no exceptions).