



**Department of psychology**  
**Psychology 351 (L02 #81065) - Developmental Psychology**  
**Fall 2011 – Course Outline**

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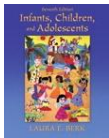
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### Course Description and Goals

This course provides an overview of child development from prenatal development through to adolescence, covering cognitive, emotional, and social development. It is a chronological course starting pre-infancy and ending at adolescence.

### Prerequisites

Psyc 205 – Principles of Psychology



### Required Text

Berk, Laura (2012, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition). Infants, Children and Adolescents. Needham Heights, MA: Allyn and Bacon.

There is a study guide available for this textbook. It is up to the student to decide if s/he wants to purchase one.

### Blackboard for PSYC 351 (L02)

Copies of the overhead notes to be used in class (as well as this outline) will be available through the course Blackboard site. There is an area on the general campus Blackboard site set aside for this course. Blackboard can be accessed via this link; <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/webapps/login> There you will find this outline, copies of the PP slides I use in class and podcasts describing the reading weights for the sections of the text assigned by quiz.

### Evaluation

**Three term tests and a final exam** are scheduled. All are non-cumulative, tests comprised of multiple choice questions based on both textbook and lecture material (including films and other demonstrations). Not all test material will be covered in class, and some test material covered in class will not be covered in the text, so regular attendance is important for success in this course. Note that

you are responsible for all assigned readings from the text even if the specific content has not been covered in lectures. Many test questions will involve critical thinking, a skill you will be given practice developing in class, so again it's to your advantage to come to class.

**Two Short (3 to 4 page) papers**, one due October 31 and the other due December 9, each worth 10% of your mark. Topics to be distributed but virtually any topic of relevance to the course material will be acceptable. Papers can be turned in to me in class on the day they are due or in an envelope labeled "Mike Boyes' 351 Papers" and submitted to the main office or in their hallway drop box *before 4:30 on the due date*. Late papers will be assessed a 1 mark (of the 10 they are worth) penalty per calendar day.

Your course grade will be computed as the average of your best two in-term test marks, your final exam mark (26.67% each) and the 20% for the two short papers. Thus, you can do badly on one of the three tests (or miss one due to illness/emergency) but you must write two of the three tests as well as the final exam. Never miss a test unless it is absolutely necessary, since a subsequent illness/emergency could cause you to miss a second test. Make things easy on everyone: do not miss more than one term test.

"Test-Taking Advice: Especially for the Multiple-Choice Challenged":

[http://www.psychology.ucalgary.ca/students/ugrad/test-taking\\_advice.html](http://www.psychology.ucalgary.ca/students/ugrad/test-taking_advice.html)

### Grading Scale

A+	96-100%	B+	80-84%	C+	67-71%	D+	54-58%
A	90-95%	B	76-79%	C	63-66%	D	50-53%
A-	85-89%	B-	72-75%	C-	59-62%	F	0-49%

As stated in the University Calendar, it is at the instructor's discretion to round off either upward or downward to determine a final grade when the average of term work and final examinations is between two letter grades. To determine final letter grades, final percentage grades will be rounded up to the nearest whole percentage (i.e., 89.50% will be rounded up to 90% but 89.49 will not).

### Reappraisal of Grades

A student who feels that a piece of graded term work (e.g., paper, essay, test) has been unfairly graded, may have the work re-graded as follows. The student shall discuss the work with the instructor within 15 days of being notified about the mark or of the item's return to the class. If not satisfied, the student shall immediately take the matter to the Head of the department offering the course, who will arrange for a reassessment of the work within the next 15 days. The reappraisal of term work may cause the grade to be raised, lowered, or to remain the same. If the student is not satisfied with the decision and wishes to appeal, the student shall address a letter of appeal to the Dean of the faculty offering the course within 15 days of the unfavourable decision. In the letter, the student must clearly and fully state the decision being appealed, the grounds for appeal, and the remedies being sought, along with any special circumstances that warrant an appeal of the reappraisal. The student should include as much written documentation as possible.

### Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. Consequently, plagiarism or cheating on any assignment is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense. Plagiarism involves submitting or presenting work in a course as if it were the student's own work done expressly for that particular course when, in fact, it is not. Students should examine sections of the University Calendar that present a Statement of Intellectual honesty and definitions and penalties associated with Plagiarism/Cheating/Other Academic Misconduct.

### **Academic Accommodation**

It is a student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. If you are seeking academic accommodation, please notify your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the commencement of the course.

### **Absence from a Test**

There are no make-up term tests (see "Evaluation" above); if you miss a test you will receive a grade of 0%, but this grade will be dropped if it is your lowest test grade. You must write the final exam during the exam period. Should you miss it, a make-up exam is not an option without an official University medical excuse. You must contact the instructor before the scheduled examination or you will have forfeited any right to make up the exam. A completed Physician/Counsellor Statement may be required to confirm absence from a test for health reasons. The student will be required to pay any cost associated with the Physician/Counsellor Statement. At the instructor's discretion, a make-up final exam may differ significantly in terms of format and/or content from the regular final exam.

### **Bonus Credits for Research Participation**

Students in most psychology courses are eligible to participate in Departmentally approved research and earn credits toward their final grades. **A maximum of two credits (2%) per course, including this course, may be applied to the student's final grade. Students earn 0.5% (0.5 credits) for each full 30 minutes of participation.** The demand for timeslots may exceed the supply in a given term. Thus, students are not guaranteed that there will be enough studies available to them to meet their credit requirements. Students should seek studies early in the term and should frequently check for open timeslots. Students can create an account and participate in Departmentally approved research studies at <http://ucalgary.sona-systems.com>. The last day to participate in studies and to assign or reassign earned credits to courses is **Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**.

### **Evacuation Assembly Point**

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>. Please check this website and note the nearest assembly point for this course.

### Student Organizations

Psychology students may wish to join the Psychology Undergraduate Students' Association (PSYCHS). They are located in Administration 170 and may be contacted at (403) 220-5567.

**Student Union VP Academic:** Phone: (403) 220-3911 [suvpaca@ucalgary.ca](mailto:suypaca@ucalgary.ca)

**Student Union Faculty Rep.:** Phone: (403) 220-3913 [socialsciirep@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:socialsciirep@su.ucalgary.ca)

### Important Dates

The last day to drop this course with no "W" notation and **still receive a tuition fee refund is Sep 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**. Last day for registration/change of registration is **Sep 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. The last day to withdraw from this course is **Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**.

### Tentative Schedule

(Lecture topic dates may vary but quiz dates and assigned reading will NOT)

Date	Topic	Readings
Sept 12, 14, 16	History, Theory, and Research	Ch 1
19, 21	Biological and Environmental Foundations	Ch 2
23, 26	Prenatal Development	Ch 3
28, 30	Birth and the Newborn	Ch 4
<b>Mon. Oct 3</b>	<b>Test #1</b>	<b>Chs 1 2 3 4</b>
Oct 5	Physical Development: Infancy & Toddlerhood	Ch 5*
7, 12, 14	Cognitive Development: Infancy & Toddlerhood	Ch 6
Oct 10	<b>Thanksgiving No Classes</b>	
17, 19, 21	Emotional and Social Development: Infancy & Toddlerhood	Ch 7
<b>Mon Oct 24</b>	<b>Test #2</b>	<b>Chs 5, 6, 7</b>
Oct 26, 28, 31	Cognitive Development: Early Childhood	Ch 9
Nov 2, 4	Emotional and Social Development: Early Childhood	Ch 10
7, 9	Cognitive Development: Middle Childhood	Ch 12
11	Reading Break Nov 10 to 13 No Classes	
<b>Mon Nov 14</b>	<b>Test #3</b>	<b>Chs 8, 10, 12</b>
Nov 16, 18, 21	Emotional and Social Development: Middle Childhood	Ch 13
23	Physical Development: Adolescence	Ch 14*
25, 28	Cognitive Development: Adolescence	Ch 15
30, Dec 2, 5, 7	Emotional and Social Development: Adolescence	Ch 16
<b>Dec 9</b>	<b>Last day to allocate Bonus Credits.</b>	
<b>Dec 9</b>	<b>Winter Session lectures end, Last day to withdraw from Winter Session half courses</b>	
<b>Dec 12 to 21</b>	<b>Winter Session Final Examinations</b>	<b>Chs 13,14,15,16</b>

\* Specific limited sections will be assigned in these chapters.