



Department of Psychology
Psychology 351 (L60) – Developmental Psychology
Summer 2011 – Course Outline

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Course Description and Goals

This course will introduce students to many aspects related to child and adolescent development. Topics to be covered include biological, perceptual, cognitive, and social changes that take place during childhood and adolescence. As well, intelligence, language and emotional development, self-understanding, and moral understanding will be discussed. Finally, gender, family, and extra-familial influences on child and adolescent development will be examined. It is a chronological course starting at prenatal and ending at adolescence.

Prerequisites

Psyc 205 – Principles of Psychology

Required Text

Berk, Laura (2011, 7th Edition). Infants, Children and Adolescents. Boston, MA: Pearson Education, Inc.

This book is available in the University Bookstore. There is a study guide available for this textbook. It is up to the student to decide if s/he wants to purchase a copy of the study guide.

Copies of the overhead notes to be used in class (as well as this outline) will be available through the course Blackboard site.

Blackboard for PSYC 351 (L60):

There is an area on the general campus Blackboard site set aside for this course. I will post outlines of the lecture notes on Blackboard at the latest the evening prior to each class. I will keep you informed in class when other features become available or other items are posted on Blackboard. You can access Blackboard via this link;

<http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/webapps/login>

Evaluation

Two term tests and a final exam are scheduled. All exams are non-cumulative, multiple-choice tests based on lecture materials, readings in the textbook, group discussions, demonstrations, and videos. 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 critical 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. **No** study aids, textbook, or notes are permitted during exams, including the final exam. 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.

First exam (in-class):	33.3% of final grade (Tuesday, Jul 19 th)
Second exam (in-class):	33.3% of final grade (Tuesday, August 2 nd)
Final exam	33.3% of final grade (To be scheduled by the Registrar)

Exams **will not** be cumulative. Format will be multiple-choice.

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 or down to the nearest whole percentage as appropriate (e.g., 89.50% will be rounded up to 90% = A, but 89.49% will be rounded down to 89% = A-, etc.)

Reappraisal of Grades

A student who feels that a piece of graded term work (e.g., term 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 the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than 14 days after the start of this course.

Absence From A Test/Exam

Students who miss a term test due to a valid and documented official University reason (illness, domestic affliction, or religious conviction) have 48 hours to contact AND schedule a makeup test with the instructor. The onus is on the student to have a makeup test approved and scheduled within 48 hours, or the makeup test option is forfeited. The same process applies to missed makeup tests. At the instructor's discretion, the makeup test may differ significantly in form and/or content from the missed test. However, the makeup test cannot differ in weight (% of final grade) from the missed test. Except in extenuating circumstances (a documented official University medical excuse), a makeup test must be written within 2 weeks of the missed test. Absence from a final exam, and deferral of a final exam, are handled by Enrolment Services (see http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/deferred_final). Students absent from a final exam must notify the instructor within 48 hours and must then apply for an official deferred final exam no later than the deadline indicated in the Examinations Schedule.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act

The FOIP legislation disallows the practice of having student's retrieve tests and assignments from a public place. Therefore, tests and assignments may be returned to students during class/lab, or during office hours, or via the Department Office (Admin 275), or will be made available only for viewing during exam review sessions scheduled by the Department. Tests and assignments will be shredded after one year. Instructors should take care to not link students' names with their grades, UCIDs, or other FOIP-sensitive information.

Course Credits for Research Participation (Max 2% of final grade)

Students in most psychology courses are eligible to participate in Departmentally approved research and earn credits toward their final grades. **A maximum of two (2) 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 **August 17th, 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

Student Union Faculty Rep.: Phone: 403-220-3913 socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

Student Ombudsman's Office

The Office of the Student Ombuds provides independent, impartial and confidential support for students who require assistance and advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. The office can be reached at 403-220-6420 or ombuds@ucalgary.ca (<http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/services/student-services/student-rights.html>).

Safewalk

The safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus. This service is free and available 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. Call 403-220-5333.

Important Dates

The last day to drop this course and **still receive a tuition fee refund** and the last day for registration/change of registration is **July 8, 2011**. The last day to withdraw from this course is **August 17, 2011**.

Tentative Schedule of Readings, Lectures, & Exams

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Chapter/Readings</u>
Jul 5	Tue	Orientation/Class Mechanics History, Theory, & Research Strategies	1
Jul 7	Thu	Genetic & Environmental Foundations Prenatal Development	2 3
Jul 8	Fri	Last day to drop course with no W grade & tuition refund. Last day for registration/change of registration.	
Jul 12	Tue	Prenatal Development (cont'd) Birth & the Newborn Baby	3 4
Jul 14	Thu	Birth & the Newborn Baby (cont'd), Physical Development in Infancy & Toddlerhood	4 5
Jul 19	Tue	<u>Test 1 (33.33%)</u> Lecture Materials & Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5	
July 21	Thu	Cognitive Development in Infancy & Toddlerhood Emotional & Social Development in Infancy & Toddlerhood	6 7
July 26	Tue	READING DAY – NO CLASS	
July 28	Tue	Physical Development in Early Childhood Cognitive Development in Early Childhood	8 9
Aug 2	Tue	Emotional & Social Development in Early Childhood	10
Aug 4	Thu	<u>Test 2 (33.33%)</u> Lecture Materials & Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10	
Aug 9	Tue	Cognitive Development in Middle Childhood Emotional & Social Development in Middle Childhood	12 13
Aug 11	Thu	Physical Development in Adolescence Cognitive Development in Adolescence	14 15
Aug 16	Tue	Emotional & Social Development in Adolescence	16
Aug 17	Wed	Last day to participate in research and allocate research credits. Last day to withdraw.	
Aug 19-20	Fri To Sat	<u>Final Exam (33.33%):</u> Lecture Materials & Chapters 12, 13, 14, 15, & 16 Scheduled by Register	

We will not be covering Chapter 11 in the course.

This schedule is a guideline only, with specific lecture topics varying from time to time.