

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY Faculty of Arts

Psychology 429 L 01 Adolescence Winter 2019

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Course Description and Goals

This course is intended to provide an in-depth examination of the physical, cognitive, emotional and social changes occurring during adolescence, drawing upon history, theory and relevant research. There is a required laboratory component in which students will carry out research on a topic regarding adolescent development.

Course Learning Outcomes

The Department of Psychology is committed to student knowledge and skill development. The table below lists the key learning outcomes for this course, the program-learning outcomes they facilitate (see psyc.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/program-learning-outcomes), and the expected level of achievement.

Course Learning Outcomes	Assessment Methods	PLO(s)	Level(s)
Describe and give examples of how biological, psychological	Multiple choice and short	1	Α
and social components influence and interact with one	answer components of		
another with regards to adolescent development	exams.		
Think critically about researching and solving problems,	Essay assignment	2	Α
such as how to write a final paper that reflects an			
integrative view of a particular topic in adolescent			
development.			
Communicate effectively both textbook knowledge and	Short answer written	4	Α
research from peer-reviewed journal articles with regards	components of exams; Essay		
to adolescent development.	assignment		
Demonstrate information literacy – ability to effectively	Essay assignment	5	Α
research various domains of adolescent development,			
understand and synthesize research findings.			
Apply psychological knowledge of adolescent development	Essay assignment	7	Α
and demonstrate skills such as showing competence with			
APA writing style and format.			

Notes. PLOs = Program-Learning Outcomes: 1 = demonstrate knowledge of psychological sciences, 2 = think critically and solve problems, 3 = conduct research and analyze data, 4 = communicate effectively, 5 = demonstrate

information literacy, 6 = understand and implement ethical principles, 7 = apply psychological knowledge and skills. Level of PLO achievement facilitated by this course: I = introductory, C = competency, A = advanced.

Prerequisites

Psyc 312 – Experimental Design and Quantitative Methods for Psychology and Psyc 351 – Developmental Psychology

Required Text

Steinberg, L. (2017). *Adolescence*, Eleventh Edition. NY: Multiple choiceGraw-Hill. This text provides important background reading for the topics covered in this course. It is available at the University Bookstore. ISBN13: 978-1259567827 ISBN10: 1259567826

Evaluation Course Component	Weighing (of final grade)	Date
Midterm Exam (Chapters 1-6)	35%	Thursday, February 28, 2019
Final Exam (Chapters 9-11; 13)	35%	To be scheduled by the
		registrar
Essay Assignment	30%	Tuesday, March 26 th , 2019

Exams will not be cumulative. The exams will be based on material from the lectures, textbook and short youtube videos. The format will consist of a combination of multiple choice and short essay questions. The use of iPods, iPads, computers, books or notes during tests is prohibited.

Essay assignment:

You are to pick a topic of your choice on adolescent development. Please run your topic by me for my approval, before proceeding.

Grading breakdown:

Introduction – a short overview of your topic and your rationale for selecting your topic. /15

Body of paper – discuss and integrate the research findings of at least 8 research articles,

from peer-reviewed journals (published in 2000 or later), related to your topic of choice. /50

Conclusion – summarize your research findings. Include any research limitations here, as well as ideas for future research / practical applications. /15

APA formatting style and writing skills: /20

Total: /100. The essay should be 12-15 pages in length, excluding the title page and reference page. Use 12-point letter size, double-spacing and standard APA margins.

Note: A hardcopy of the essay is **due at the beginning of class on Tuesday March 26th.** I would also like you to email me the essay as a WORD or as a .pdf attachment.

Note that late papers will not be accepted without appropriate documentation.

Department of Psychology Criteria for Letter Grades

Psychology professors use the following criteria when assigning letter grades:

A+ grade: Exceptional Performance. An A+ grade indicates near perfect performance on multiple choice and short answer exams. For research papers/essays/course projects/presentations, an A+ grade is awarded for exceptional work deserving of special recognition and is therefore not a common grade.

A, A- Range: Excellent Performance. Superior understanding of course material. Written work is very strong in terms of critical and original thinking, content, organization, and the expression of ideas, and demonstrates student's thorough knowledge of subject matter.

B Range: *Good Performance*. Above average understanding of course material. Written work shows evidence of critical thinking and attention to organization and editing but could be improved in form and/or content.

C Range: Satisfactory Performance. Adequate understanding of course material. Knowledge of basic concepts and terminology is demonstrated. Written work is satisfactory and meets essential requirements but could be improved significantly in form and content. Note: All prerequisites for courses offered by the Faculty of Arts must be met with a minimum grade of C-.

D range: *Marginally meets standards*. Minimal understanding of subject matter. Written work is marginally acceptable and meets basic requirements but requires substantial improvements in form and content. Student has not mastered course material at a level sufficient for advancement into more senior courses in the same or related subjects.

F grade: Course standards not met. Inadequate understanding of subject matter. Written work does not meet basic requirements. Student has not demonstrated knowledge of course material at a level sufficient for course credit.

Grading Scale

A+	96-100%	B+	80-84%	C+	67-71%	D+	54-58%
Α	90-95%	В	76-79%	С	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 (e.g., 89.5% will be rounded up to 90% = A but 89.4% will be rounded down to 89% = A-).

Tentative Lecture Schedule

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Date	Topic/Activity/Readings/Due Date			
W Jan 2	Winter term begin.			
R Jan 10	Course outline / Biological Transitions	Chapter 1		
T Jan 15	Biological Transitions	Chapter 1		
R Jan 17	Cognitive Transitions	Chapter 2		
F Jan 18	Last day to add or swap Winter Term half courses.			
	Last day for change of registration from audit to credit or credit to audit.			
T Jan 22	Cognitive Transitions	Chapter 2		
R Jan 24	Social Transitions	Chapter 3		
F Jan 25	Tuition Fee Deadline			
T Jan 29	Social Transitions	Chapter 3		
R Jan 31	Families	Chapter 4		
T Feb 5	Families	Chapter 4		
R Feb 7	Peer Groups	Chapter 5		
T Feb 12	Peer Groups	Chapter 5		
R Feb 14	Schools	Chapter 6		
Feb 17-24	Reading Week. No lectures. University open (except Family Day).			
	Alberta Family Day, University closed (except Taylor Family Digital Library, Law,			
	Medical, Gallagher and Business Libraries). No lectures.			
M Feb 18	Alberta Family Day, University closed (except T	aylor Family Digital Library, Law,		
	Medical, Gallagher and Business Libraries). No			
T Feb 26	Schools	Chapter 6		
R Feb 28	Midterm Exam – Chapters 1-6			
T Mar 5	Work, Leisure and Media	Chapter 7		
R Mar 7	Work, Leisure and Media	Chapter 7		
T Mar 12	Identity	Chapter 8		
R Mar 14	Identity	Chapter 8		
T Mar 19	Autonomy	Chapter 9		
R Mar 21	Autonomy	Chapter 9		
T Mar 26	Intimacy Essay Assignment is Due in Class	Chapter 10		
R Mar 28	Intimacy	Chapter 10		
T Apr 2	Sexuality	Chapter 11		
R Apr 4	Sexuality	Chapter 11		
T Apr 9	Psychosocial Problems	Chapter 13		
R Apr 11	Psychosocial Problems	Chapter 13		
F Apr 12	Winter Term Lectures End.			
	Last day to withdraw from full courses and Wir	nter Term half courses.		
Apr 15-27	Winter Term Final Examinations.			
Apr 19	Good Friday			
Apr 30	Winter Term Ends			
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Reappraisal of Graded Term Work http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-2.html

A student who feels that a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, test, etc.) has been unfairly graded, may have the paper re-graded as follows. The student shall discuss the work with the instructor within fifteen 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 Director of Undergraduate Studies who will arrange for a reassessment of the work within the next fifteen days. Students in faculties without a departmental structure should take the matter to the dean or the associate/assistant dean (Academic/Student Affairs) of the faculty offering the course. The result of that reassessment should be given to the student in writing. The reappraisal of term work may cause the grade to be raised, lowered or to remain the same.

Reappraisal of Final Grade http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-3.html

In the reappraisal of a final grade, the only element that will be considered is the grading of the final assessment that makes up the final mark (e.g., final examination, final project, final paper). An exception may occur when the Instructor of Record evaluates a piece of graded term work at the end of the term; that grade may also be considered in a reappraisal of final grade.

A student wishing a reappraisal of a final grade should first attempt to review the final assessment with the department or faculty offering the course. After which, the student shall obtain a Reappraisal of Final Grade form from ucalgary.ca/registrar (under Student Forms). Students must indicate exactly what error was made in marking the final assessment and/or in computing the final grade. The reappraisal will only be considered if the student provides a detailed rationale that outlines where and for what reason an error is suspected.

Students wishing a reappraisal of a final grade (excluding Law courses) must submit their request by the following dates:

Fall Term – March 1 Winter Term – June 30 Spring Intersession – August 15 Summer Term – October 15

Supplemental Examinations: 30 calendar days from the date the examination was written

The reappraisal form shall be submitted to Enrolment Services who will forward it to the department head or dean of the faculty offering the course. Reappraisals of final grades are dealt with by the head of the academic unit in consultation with members of academic staff. Normally, the department/faculty will respond to a reappraisal request within thirty calendar days of its initiation. After the reappraisal is completed, the department shall return the form to the Registrar's Office who shall inform the student in writing of the decision. Students should be aware that the grade being reappraised may be raised, lowered or remain the same. A student may request a reappraisal of final grade only twice in one academic year (September 1 – August 31).

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 Accommodations

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy. Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy. Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the instructor.

Seating During Exams

Instructors and exam invigilators are free to ask students to move seats before an exam begins or even during an exam. Students must comply with this request and refusal to do so may warrant a charge of academic misconduct.

Absence from A Test/Exam

Makeup tests/exams are **NOT** an option without the approval of the instructor. A student may be asked to provide supporting documentation for an exemption/special request for a make-up exam https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/n-1.html. Students who miss a test/exam have up to 48 hours to contact the instructor to ask for a makeup test/exam. It's the instructor's discretion if they will allow a make-up exam. Students who do not schedule a makeup test/exam with the instructor within this 48-hour period forfeit the right to a makeup test/exam. At the instructor's discretion, a makeup test/exam may differ significantly (in form and/or content) from a regularly scheduled test/exam. Once approved by the instructor a makeup test/exam must be written within 2 weeks of the missed test/exam during exam make-up hours provided by the department https://psychology.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/exam-and-course-information#mues. If a student cannot write their final exam on the date assigned by the Registrar's Office, they need to apply for a deferred exam https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams.

Travel During Exams

Consistent with University regulations, students are expected to be available to write scheduled exams at any time during the official December and April examination periods. Requests to write a make-up exam because of conflicting travel plans (e.g., flight bookings) will NOT be considered by the department. Students are advised to wait until the final examination schedule is posted before making any travel arrangements. If a student cannot write their final exam on the date assigned by the

Registrar's Office, they need to apply for a deferred exam

https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams. Students with an exceptional extenuating circumstance (e.g., a family emergency) should contact the Department of Psychology (psyugrd@ucalgary.ca).

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 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.

Acknowledgments and Respect for Diversity

Our classrooms view diversity of identity as a strength and resource. Your experiences and different perspectives are encouraged and add to a rich learning environment that fosters critical thought through respectful discussion and inclusion. The Department of Psychology would also like to acknowledge the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in southern Alberta. The City of Calgary is also home to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III.

Wellness and Mental Health Resources

The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the excellent mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the SU Wellness Centre (Room 370, MacEwan Student

Centre, https://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/services/mental-health-services) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy website (http://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/).

Extra Research Participation Course Credit is Not Offered for this Course.

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 130 and may be contacted at 403-220-5567.

Student Union VP Academic:Phone: 403-220-3911suvpaca@ucalgary.caStudent Union Faculty Rep.:arts1@su.ucalgary.ca

Student Ombudsman's Office

The Office of the Student Ombudsmen 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.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds)

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 with no "W" notation and still receive a tuition fee refund is January 17, 2019. Last day for registration/change of registration is January 18, 2019. The last day to withdraw from this course is April 12, 2019.