

**Syllabus for: 2013S-Psych 11-E1969- Herrera-Thomas
Lifespan Development
Psychology 11**

Semester & Year:	Spring 2013
Course ID and Section Number:	E1969 / 031969
Number of Credits/Units:	4
Day/Time:	MW 10:05
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Course Description (catalog description as described in course outline):

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A course covering the scientific study of human development across the lifespan. The content of the course focuses on the exploration of major theories and concepts, methods, and research findings in lifespan development. Topics include biological, cognitive, and psycho-social processes in the context of prenatal, infant, child, adolescent, and adult development.

Student Learning Outcomes (as described in course outline) :

- 1. Analyze how biological, psychological, and social process affect human development.**
- 2. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding representing appropriate breadth and depth in selected content areas of prenatal, infant, child, adolescent, and adult development.**
- 3. Analyze and/or apply developmental research in writing.**

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Please schedule an appointment with me if you would like to meet, especially towards midterms and finals when I get very busy with students wishing to meet.

Class is held at CA 109

MW 10:05-11:30

Text: Lifespan Human Development 7th Ed. Segilman. Cengage Wadsworth Learning.

Please drop yourself by census date if you decide to drop from the class 1/28! This is your responsibility to avoid obtaining an F. Although I do my best to drop students by census I will on occasion miss a student.

An introduction to the psychological study of human development across the life span. Biological, cognitive, and psycho-social influences on human development will be examined. Topics include prenatal development, childhood, adolescence, and adulthood.

Course Objectives: This course is designed to provide you with a foundational understanding of the exciting field of developmental psychology. Although this will be a challenging task given the enormity of the field, it need not be painful. We should have fun reaching this goal. It is recommended that you have passed English 1A before taking this course because it will require college level reading and writing.

Lecture content does not always follow the text as the instructor reserves the right to focus discussion on areas that elaborate on specific ideas or research presented by the text in any given chapter. Please give yourself the best possible foundation for success by attending lectures and completing all reading assignments. **It is incumbent upon you to check in with other students for lectures you miss and other important information/announcements if you miss class.**

Additional outside class work will be required in order to provide opportunities to build skills by working successfully together to successfully complete tasks. The course content is extremely interesting and students are encouraged to use the classroom as a learning laboratory. Students will engage in in-class activities to highlight points of course content. The schedule may be altered by the instructor since we will have speakers throughout the semester come to class and/or unforeseen events may occur (illness of instructor).

The following Student Learning Outcomes will be demonstrated by assessments throughout the course.

- 1. Analyze how biological, psychological, and social process affect human development.**
- 2. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding representing appropriate breadth and depth in selected content areas of prenatal, infant, child, adolescent, and adult development.**
- 3. Analyze and/or apply developmental research in writing.**

Students will attend class, actively listen to lectures, participate in class discussions, and participate in various activities including group activities, research papers, and projects. The classroom will be treated as a living laboratory where exercises and discussions will highlight various aspects of development to bring concepts to life. The more you participate in classroom activities the more you will get out of the class.

Course Requirements and Grading

Students will be graded on performance on tests, participation and class projects. Part of participation includes acting appropriately as a responsible collaborator on group projects. If you are unable or unwilling to work on the group paper assignment then you will not be given credit for doing so. The instructor reserves the right to drop any student who is not participating in activities that will lead to him or her to pass the class.

Tests

There will be two take home quizzes, and one final exam. The quizzes will consist of 50 multiple choice exams each worth 1 point. The first one will be a take home study quiz and will focus on reading material. The following quiz will be take home as well but they will focus more on concepts and your ability to apply those to various contexts. They will be based on reading material, DVD materials and lectures.

The midterm will be worth 100 points which will consist of 50 multiple choice questions. The final exam will include both essay and multiple choice questions (100 points). If you do not put your name on your test I can not guarantee that you receive credit for it.

No Late Exams

In-Class Assignments will be made available throughout the course and will be announced. There will be two for credit assignments and will be announced on the day they are given. Each is worth 10 points.

Personal Paper

You will be required to write a paper from your own point of view regarding aspects of your personal development. You may choose the aspect of development that is of most interest to you. For instance, if you are interested in personality development you can choose Erik Erikson's model of psychosocial development to follow while tying in your life experiences to stages provided by the model. You can focus on one stage or you may analyze your life experiences up until this time. You may also choose a number of other theorists to frame your paper (Freud, Allport, Skinner or Maslow). Perhaps you are interested in cognitive development and if so, you can choose a cognitive model of development to view your developmental experience through (Vygotsky, Piaget etc...). Please check in with me about your topic. The paper will be two pages in length, typed and double spaced. If you use resources they will be documented in APA style. This Paper is worth 50 points.

Group Research Paper and Focus Groups (100 points).

- *Group Research Paper and Focus Groups (100 points)* You will be assigned a focus group where you will be given the opportunity to discuss topics and to engage in classroom activities related to the material presented in class. This group will also generate one research paper that will be presented to the class. The paper and

presentation together are worth 100 points. Refer to research paper handout. **Please begin group projects ASAP.** You will have 6 weeks to complete the project. Each individual group member will provide me with the drafts he or she is worked on related to the chosen assignments. Anyone who does not do so will not obtain credit for the assignment. The instructor reserves the right to grade individual group members separately if they demonstrate inconsistent group efforts.

- Quiz 1 = 50 Pts.
- Quiz 2 = 50 Pts.
- Personal Paper= 50 Pts.
- Final = 100 Pts.
- Group Research Paper = 100 Pts.
- Participation= 30 Pts.
- In class writing assignments 10 points each total =20 Pts.
- **Bonus points will be made available throughout the semester. If you are absent when these are announced or collected you will not be eligible for them.**

Week Date Topic Reading Assignment Notes

Week 1	1/14	Introduction	Chapter 1		
	1/16	Intro	1		
Week 2	1/21 holiday	Theories	2		
	1/23	Theories	2	Pick up quiz 1	
Week 3	1/28 Census	Genes and the Environment	3		
	1/30	Genes and the Environment	3		
Week 4	2/4 NO class*	Pre-Natal Dev.	4		
	2/6	Pre-Natal Dev.	4		
Week 5	2/11	Health and Physiology	5		
	2/13	Health and Physiology	5		
Week 6	2/18 No class	Sensation and Perception	6		
	2/20	S and P	6	Return Quiz 1	
Week 7	2/25	Cognition	7		
	2/27	Cognition	7	Pick Up Quiz 2	
Week 8	3/4	Intelligence	9		
	3/6	Intelligence	9		
Week 9	3/11-14	Spring Break	10	KEEP READING	
Week10	3/18	Language and Education	10		
	3/20	Self and Personality	11		
Week 11	3/25	Self and Personality	11		
	3/27	Gender and	12		

		Sexuality			
Week 12	4/1	Gender and Sexuality	12	Personal Paper Due	
	4/3	Social and Moral Dev.	13		
Week 13	4/8	Social and Moral	13		
	4/10	Attachment	14		
Week 14	4/15	Attachment	14		
	4/17	Family/Dying	15 & 17		
Week 15	4/22	Family/Dying	15 & 17		
	4/24	Psychopathology	16	Group Project Due	
Week 16	4/29	Group Presentations	16	Presentations	
	5/1	Group Presentations			
Finals	5/6-9 Finals				

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Please note that on days when the instructor is absent there will be assignments available that will be given as we get closer to the dates. PowerPoint's will be posted in place of those lectures or videos to view that will be designated along with attendant assignments. Instructor will announce additional days off in advance if possible on MyCR and will send out emails.