

## SYLLABUS

### COURSE INFORMATION

PSYC 2320.061: Lifespan Developmental Psychology  
FALL 2022- ONLINE

### INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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### COURSE CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Physiological, perceptual, cognitive, social, and affective change from conception to death, with an emphasis on transitions and developmental challenges throughout the lifespan.

### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES & ASSESSMENTS

As a result of taking this course, successful students will be able to:

- Identify the primary reasons for studying human development across the lifespan.
- Describe the process of researching developmental changes over time.
- Identify, explain, and apply the major theories of human development across different stages of life.
- Identify and explain the impact/interaction between genes and environment on development.
- Describe factors that may affect development at different stages of life.
- Identify the main stages of prenatal development and the process of birth.
- Identify and explain the primary biological, cognitive, and psychosocial changes that occur during infancy, early childhood, middle childhood, adolescence, emerging adulthood, adulthood, and late adulthood.
- Demonstrate an understanding of how cultural differences can impact development.
- Demonstrate the ability to apply developmental research to current social issues.

### REQUIRED TEXT

Kathleen Stassen Berger: Invitation to the Life Span, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, Worth Publishers, 2022.  
ISBN:9781319331986

*NOTE: A student at UT-Tyler is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.*

### TEACHING STRATEGIES

Having the book for this class will be REQUIRED. It is expected in this online class that you read the book to learn the course material, and use the posted chapter slides and videos to supplement the book material. You will be able to move through the chapters at your own pace, although there are due dates throughout the semester to keep you on track. You may work ahead of due dates, but late work will not be acceptable.

As you read each chapter, follow along with the PowerPoint slides and watch the corresponding videos. When that is completed, you will complete the chapter essay questions and take the chapter quiz. Then you will complete exams on posted dates.

This class will require you to be self-motivated, keep up with due dates, and complete your work without reminders or personal instruction. If you have a question, please message me on Canvas, but know it may take time for me to respond.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

- There is no excuse for essays, quizzes and exams not being completed on time. There will be plenty of time to complete these assignments. I recommend you do not wait until the last minute. Poor Wi-Fi, accidentally closing out the exam, called into work, etc. will not get you an extension on anything. Due dates are clearly posted. Plan accordingly.
- On quizzes and exams, the questions will be shown one at a time and lock after it is answered. The questions will not necessarily be in the same order as your book, so be prepared and know the information. You will only be able to see your correct/incorrect answers one time on each quiz.
- If a video does not open on Canvas, there is a “link to an external site” button to the right of the video title. This will open the webpage with the video and you can watch it there.

### **EVALUATION AND GRADING**

Exams 300 points – 3 exams, 100 points each

Chapter Quizzes 150 points- 15 quizzes, 10 points each

Chapter Essay Assignments 300 points – 15 essay assignments, 20 points each

Cumulative Final Exam 100 points

Total Possible Points 850 points

Any extra credit points will be added to your overall point total at the end of the semester.

### **GRADE ASSIGNMENT**

A = 765–850 points

B = 680– 764 points

C = 595– 679 points

D = 510–594 points

F = 509 points or below

In order to calculate your grade, keep track of the number of points you accumulate throughout the semester. Grades will be assigned based on the point distribution listed above.

### **QUIZZES**

There will be 15 quizzes throughout the semester. Each quiz is worth 10 points. The quiz questions will be multiple-choice format. You will be given 10 minutes to complete each quiz. Once you begin the quiz, you cannot close it out or pause time. The quiz will be accessible for you to take whenever you would like as long as you complete each quiz by their posted due date. You must complete it within those 10 minutes once you begin. The quizzes will cover the textbook readings, PowerPoint slides and corresponding posted videos. The quizzes are worth a total of 150 points.

### **EXAMS**

There will be 3 multiple choice exams given during the semester. Each exam is worth 100 points. You will be given 75 minutes to complete each 100-question exam. Once you begin the exam, you cannot close it out or pause time. If you close it out, log back in and continue as quickly as possible as time will continue running if you exit out. The exam will be accessible for you to take whenever you would like as long as you complete each exam by their posted due date. You must complete it within those 75 minutes once you begin. Exams will cover information from textbook readings and PowerPoint slides.

The exams are worth a total of 300 points.

Each exam will be open on a Thursday evening at 6:00 pm and will be due by that Sunday at 11:59 pm. This gives you a little over 3 days to take it. Availability and due dates are posted in the calendar below.

#### FINAL EXAM

There will be a multiple-choice final exam at the end of the semester. You will be given 120 minutes to complete the 200-question exam. Once you begin the exam, you cannot close it out or pause time. The exam will be accessible for you to take during the week of finals becoming available on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm and is to be completed by Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm. This final exam will cover all 15 chapters and the epilogue of your book.

The final exam is worth a total of 100 points.

#### CHAPTER ESSAY ASSIGNMENT

Each chapter will have a corresponding multiple essay assignment due. As you read through the chapter in your textbook, look over PowerPoint slides and then complete these questions.

- There will be a posted list of questions for you to answer. You will copy these questions into a word document and type your answers into that document. You must have the questions and answers in the document!
- **Include the page number** from the textbook where you are referencing from when writing each essay. I do not want you googling these questions- your textbook is your best reference and where I want you finding these answers!
- These are ESSAY questions- not short answer. In order to receive full credit, you must fully answer the questions with **well-constructed sentences** and thoughtful answers. Paraphrase these answers into your own words as much as possible- do not just copy directly from your textbook. If I cannot tell that you have read the material and understand the concept based on your answers, I will not grant credit for that answer.
- Please pay attention to grammar.
- You will then upload the document into the assignment on Canvas. This must be saved as a word document or PDF. Or you can copy your answers into the text entry box on Canvas. I will not accept any other type of submission. Do not email me your document. This must be submitted on Canvas!
- Each student must do their own assignment and submit original work. Copied assignments are considered academic dishonesty, will result in 0s for all students involved, and will be reported to the University.

#### EXTRA CREDIT OPTIONS

I may offer extra credit opportunities such as volunteering, attending certain events, or watching documentary films. If I do offer any, they will be announced in class and posted on Canvas.

## **UT TYLER PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT RESEARCH REQUIREMENT**

The Psychology Department requires that all students taking 1000- and 2000-level psychology courses to complete a research requirement.

*\*\*This is a requirement for the psychology department, not for this class specifically. It does not contribute to your overall points but will result in a reduction of 85 points if you do not complete it. THIS IS AN ENTIRE LETTER GRADE!!!\*\**

There are two ways to fulfill the requirement:

1. You may complete research credits by participating in psychology studies. A credit is earned for every 30 minutes of research participation. Most studies are 30 minutes long or less, so most studies will count as 1 credit. If the study is longer than 30 minutes, you will receive 2 credits. The number of credits required varies from one course to the next, and your instructor will tell you how many credits are required to complete the research requirement in his or her specific course. This course requires 6 research credits to be obtained during the semester (3 hours).

2. In lieu of the research participation, you may instead complete a 5-page research report on a topic concerning developmental psychology. The topic for the paper can be found in Canvas. If you do the paper, you do NOT have to participate in psychology research on campus (option 1). This is merely another option for obtaining your 6 research credits. If your paper is acceptable, then you will receive your 6 credits. If it is not acceptable, you will be notified to revise and resubmit by the final deadline.

Due Date:

If you choose to complete the research participation, at least 3 of the credits must be submitted on or before **October 16, 2022**. Failure to do so will result in a 5% reduction to your final course grade. The remaining 3 credits needed to fulfill the requirement must be submitted on or before **December 4, 2022**. Failure to submit the remaining credits by this date will result in an additional 5% reduction to your final grade.

If you choose to complete the research paper, it must be submitted by **December 2, 2022**. There is a tab in Canvas with further instructions about this requirement.

**More detailed information about this requirement is posted under a module in Canvas.**

**CLASS SCHEDULE AND DUE DATES:**

Reminder: You can move through the chapters at your own pace. I will stay at least a week ahead of due dates by posting slides, assignments, and quizzes. However, you must have these assignments turned in by these dates- late assignments will not be accepted. There is one week where two chapters are due, so plan accordingly. Exam dates are not flexible, so you can not take those early.

<b>Due Date:</b>	<b>Assignment Due:</b>
<b>All assignments are due by this date at 11:59 PM</b>	
August 28, 2022	Read through syllabus thoroughly- NO ASSIGNMENTS DUE THIS WEEK
September 4, 2022	Chapter 1 Essay Assignments Chapter 1 Quiz
September 11, 2022	Chapter 2 Essay Assignments Chapter 2 Quiz
September 18, 2022	Chapter 3 Essay Assignments Chapter 3 Quiz
September 25, 2022	Chapter 4 Essay Assignments Chapter 4 Quiz <b>Exam # 1</b> (Chapters 1-4): Available 09/22 at 6:00 pm
October 2, 2022	Chapter 5 Essay Assignments Chapter 5 Quiz
October 9, 2022	Chapter 6 Essay Assignments Chapter 6 Quiz
October 16, 2022	Chapter 7 Essay Assignments Chapter 7 Quiz <i>Psychology Research Credits Due</i>
October 23, 2022	Chapter 8 Essay Assignments Chapter 8 Quiz Chapter 9 Essay Assignments Chapter 9 Quiz
October 30, 2022	Chapter 10 Essay Assignments Chapter 10 Quiz <b>Exam # 2</b> (Chapters 5-10) Available 10/27 at 6:00 pm
November 6, 2022	Chapter 11 Essay Assignments Chapter 11 Quiz
November 13, 2022	Chapter 12 Essay Assignments Chapter 12 Quiz
November 20, 2022	Chapter 13 Essay Assignments Chapter 13 Quiz
November 27, 2022	Chapter 14 Essay Assignments Chapter 14 Quiz
December 4, 2022	Chapter 15 Essay Assignments Chapter 15 Quiz <b>Exam 3</b> (Chapters 11-15) Available 12/01 at 6:00 pm <i>Psychology Research Credits/Paper Due</i>
December 9, 2022	<b>Final Exam</b> (Chapters 1-Epilogue) Available 12/05 at 6pm