

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY - SPRING, 2017

DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (Psy 2310)

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Text: The Developing Person Through the Lifespan, 9th Edition, by Berger (ISBN: 978 14292 83939) (This text will not be available at the SRSU bookstore. Order well before the beginning of the semester.)

Course description and objectives: All that you will learn in this course will be based upon human and animal research that focuses on how organisms develop. By the end of the term, you will be familiar with the physiological, psychological, social, and cognitive factors that contribute to growth and development, and understand the biological/environmental interaction.

Readings and exams: You will be reading and learning information from about 1 chapter each week. Exams will be given on alternate Tuesdays. How you perform on exams will be totally dependent on how many hours you devote to memorizing the information in your text. The more times you review, the more you'll remember.

Exam dates will be as follows: 1/31, 2/14, 2/28, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18 and 5/2. You may take your exam between 7:00 A.M. and 11:00 P.M.. Each exam will consist of randomly selected questions, so no 2 students will receive the same exam. You will have 50 minutes to complete each exam. For every minute you go over the allotted time, you will lose 2 points.

Research summaries: For this assignment, you should summarize a research article from a professional journal about anything concerning human or animal development. Each summary should be 3 full pages, double-spaced, size 12 font, and must be written in YOUR words, not the author's. This is extremely important; if I find that you have used the exact words of the author(s), you will receive a zero. About 1/4 of your summary should be related information from your textbook. Your personal thoughts and experiences are not to be included in this assignment. Each summary will be worth a possible 25 points.

Tuesday due dates for these summaries will be as follows: 2/21, 3/28, and 4/25. You may submit them between 7:00 A.M. on the day before they are due and 11:00 P.M. on the due date. Go to Assignments on the due date and click on the appropriate section to find where to submit them.

Be certain that you have reviewed the information under Library Resources ahead of time so you know exactly how to submit your summary through Blackboard and provide a working link to your article so I may read it. Follow the exact instructions and you will have no problems. You may call Sandra Bogus (432 837-8523) for help, if needed. Assignments submitted incorrectly or sent to my e-mail address will not be graded.

Grades: For every exam and summary, you will receive points, and will not have a letter grade until the end of the semester. The total possible points are as follows:

Exams (7)      700

Summaries (3) 75

Total 775

To receive an A, you must have at least 659 points (85% of the total points available). For a B, you must have at least 581 points (75% of the total points available). For a C, you must have at least 504 points (65%), and for a D, you must have at least 426 points (55% of the total points available).

**DOING WELL IN THIS COURSE:** If you are not very motivated and disciplined and planning to work hard to do well, this course is not for you. You must spend many hours reading and memorizing the information in your text to do well on exams, and must plan ahead to be sure you are submitting the research summaries correctly and on time.

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