

Sul Ross State University
Developmental Psychology Spring 2024

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Start/end dates: January 17, 2024 – May 3, 2024

Class Schedule: Assignments due every Sunday at midnight

Meeting Location: Web

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course presents the major theories of child development and the milestones of physical, psychosocial, and cognitive development from the prenatal period through adolescence. Students identify the characteristics of play and its impact, describe the social development of children and adolescents, and understand the effects of a broad range of developmental influences.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The graduating student will demonstrate the capacity to:

- Recognize the central concepts, theories, and empirical findings in the department's main areas of focus: abnormal psychology; social & personality psychology, and developmental psychology.
- Recognize and apply basic psychological research methods, including: the experiment; the case study; the survey; and correlation.
- Communicate effectively in written assignments and oral presentations.
- Demonstrate insight into the behavior and psychological processes of oneself and others.

COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this course are to:

- Explore the major findings, theories and theorists who have contributed to the field of Developmental Psychology.
- Recognize the unique roles of various stages of childhood and adolescence in the developmental process.
- Appreciate the ways that human development continues across the entire lifespan.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

You may use any format of the required texts that you wish. Do not download illegal copies of the required texts.

Levine, L., Munsch, J. (2023). Child development: An active learning approach. Sage Publications, New York, N.Y. 3rd Edition

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Class Attendance and Participation Policy: Students are expected to post on time, actively engage throughout each class discussion. If you will be unable to attend class for any reason, you must contact the instructor and request an excused absence in advance. **More than one unexcused absence will result in dismissal from the course and a failing grade.**

Assignment Submission: All assignments MUST be submitted via Blackboard. **Assignments e-mailed to the instructor will not be accepted.** Late assignments will incur a 10 point penalty for each day they are late.

SRSU DISABILITY/ AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT STATEMENT:

Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973.

Students with qualifying disabilities who seek accommodations must initiate a request for a meeting for accessibility services.

Students seeking accessibility services must contact Rebecca Greathouse Wren, M.Ed., LPC-S, Counseling & Accessibility Services, Telephone: 432-837-8203

or E-mail: <mailto:rebecca.wren@sulross.edu>

For more information see: <https://www.sulross.edu/counselling-and-accessibility-services/>

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Presenting someone else's work and the work of others as your own, submitting the same paper for multiple classes, and/or failing to cite your sources when you utilize the ideas of others, are all examples of academic dishonesty. It is each person's responsibility to read and understand the university's policy on academic dishonesty in the SRSU Student Handbook, as all violations will be taken seriously and handled through the appropriate university process. The Student Handbook can be found at: <https://www.sulross.edu/catalog/undergraduate-academic-regulations-2/#1605412215143-c8b265dc-3e01>.

ONLINE CLASSROOM:

This is a course that requires online interaction and discussion. Class attendance IS REQUIRED and participation is important.

Participation: This is an online course. However, your active, daily participation in this course is essential and required in order to be successful, including checking email daily, checking for Black Board announcements, staying up with readings and participating in Blackboard Collaborate meetings.

Distance Education Statement: Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, such as Smarthinking, library resources, online databases, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should correspond using Sul Ross email accounts and submit online assignments through Blackboard, which requires secure login information to verify students' identities and to protect students' information. The procedures for filing a student complaint are included in the student handbook. Students enrolled in distance education courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website (Trotman, 2021).

The Online Support Desk is where you can direct your more technical questions.

For example, if you are having issues submitting a document, getting videos to play, or you are dealing with a technical error in the course.

The support desk is open 24 hours a day/7 days a week for your convenience. You can reach the support desk:

By calling 888.837.605

- Via email blackboardsupport@sulross.edu
- Using resources from the Technology Support tab within blackboard
- Clicking the Support Desk graphic on the course homepage

The Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library in Alpine offers FREE resources and services to the entire SRSU community. Access and borrow books, articles, and more by visiting the library's website, library.sulross.edu.

Off campus access requires logging in with your Lobo ID and password.

Librarians are a tremendous resource for your coursework and can be reached in person, by email (<mailto:srsulibrary@sulross.edu>) If you have read this syllabus email me and you will receive 5 extra points on your grade at the end of the semester.

or phone (432-837-8123).

The Southwest Texas Junior College (SWTJC) Libraries at Uvalde, Del Rio, and Eagle Pass offer additional access to library spaces and resources. Del Rio, Eagle Pass, and Uvalde students may also use online resources available through SWTJC website, library.swtjc.edu.

The SWTJC Libraries serve as pick-up locations for Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and Document Delivery from the Alpine campus.

Course Behaviors - Respect and Disruptions:

Watch the VIDEO on NETTIQUETTE - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWMk_Zv7nB8 and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80uRE972uQ0>.

Student Conduct and Discipline section of the SRSU Student Handbook

(http://www.sulross.edu/sites/default/files//sites/default/files/users/docs/stulife/student_conduct_discipline.pdf)

SENSITIVE TOPICS POLICY

As psychology deals with understanding human nature, it is inevitable that sensitive topics will be brought up in some psychology classes. These can include issues of race/ethnicity, religion, sexual behavior, sexual/gender identity, and different world views and attitudes (among others). You are encouraged to share your opinion or position and to question the views of other students and the instructor if it is done in a professional manner without using derogatory terms, bigoted language, or offensive epithets. It is possible to discuss sensitive topics and express different views while maintaining an elevated level of discourse.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

"I aim to create a learning environment for my students that supports a diversity of thoughts, perspectives and experiences, and honors your identities (including race, gender, class, sexuality, religion, ability, socioeconomic class, age, nationality, etc.). I also understand that the crisis of COVID, economic disparity, and health concerns, or even unexpected life events could impact the conditions necessary for you to succeed. My commitment is to be there for you and help you meet the learning objectives of this course. I do this to demonstrate my commitment to you and to the mission of Sul Ross State University to create an inclusive environment and care for the whole student as part of the Sul Ross Familia. If you feel like your performance in the class is being impacted by your experiences outside of class, please don't hesitate to come and talk with me. I want to be a resource for you." (Kate Smith 2021).

COURSE INFORMATION AND GRADING

Syllabus – Read through this syllabus and submit the quiz. Easy 20 points.

Introduction – Introduce your self to the class by answering questions. Easy 5 points.

Quizzes –There are quizzes for each chapter (16) total given to ensure that you have read the chapter and understand the most pertinent concepts. Thus, try to complete the quizzes as we’re covering the associated chapter.

Assignments –There are assignments for each chapter (16) total. These assignments are designed to challenge you to use your critical thinking skills, and to gain a stronger understanding of developmental psychology perspectives.

Discussions –There are discussions for each chapter (16) total. You must post and respond to these discussions in a timely manner, as shown in the course schedule. If not, you will receive a zero after the posted due date. A rubric will be provided to assess how discussions are scored.

Mid-Term – One (1) exam will be given at the end of this term. It consists of 50 multiple choice/short answer or essay questions. Fifty percent of the questions for this exam will come directly from the quizzes. Date of exam is 03/08/2024 -03/10/2024. Note there is no make-up exam unless you are absent due to illness and with documented proof.

Final Exam – One (1) exam will be given at the end of this term. It consists of 50 multiple choice/short answer or essay questions. Fifty percent of the questions for this exam will come directly from the quizzes. The date of this exam is 05/03/2024 -05/05/2024. Please note that there is no make-up exam unless you are absent due to illness and with documented proof

Class Child – This is an opportunity for you to apply what you have learned throughout the course. You will choose parents and then develop a child from conception to adolescence. A rubric will be provided on blackboard. **It will be completed as a PowerPoint but will only be submitted not presented. Due no later than 05/03/2024.**

Grading:

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| Syllabus | @20 points |
| Introduction | @5 points |
| Quizzes | @25 points each (16) |
| Assignments | @25 points each (16) |
| Discussion | @25 points each (15) |
| Mid Term | @100 points |
| Final Exam | @100 points |
| Class Child | @200 points |

Total Points 1600 points

(This is a tentative schedule subject to change)

SCHEDULE:

Chapter Quizzes, Assignments, and Discussions are due Sunday each week by midnight.