



Kine 3332 — Health and Aging

Spring 2026 — Semester 1W1 (First 8 Weeks) — Online (Connect-Based Course)

Instructor Information

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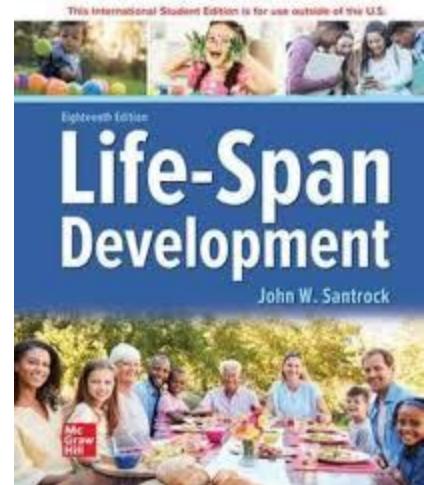
Required Text (McGraw-Hill Connect)

Title: Lifespan Development (18th Edition)

Author: John Santrock

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Education

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Purpose of the Course

The purpose of this course is to provide an in-depth study of human development, its universal features, individual development, and its nature.

Course Description

This course covers the foundations of human development across the lifespan beginning with infancy, progressing through childhood, adolescence, and adulthood. Discussion topics include socioeconomic, physical, and cognitive development.

Course Student Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Know more about life-span development.

2. Understand the best and most recent theory and research available about the period of the human life-span.
3. Develop connections across different points of the human life-span.
4. Apply content about the human life-span in the real world to help improve people's lives and motivate them to reflect on their journey through life.
5. Analyze food labels and integrate that knowledge to create a basic meal plan based on nutritional guidelines.

Style of Teaching / Course Format

This course is delivered fully online and is designed as a Connect-based course. Instruction and assessment occur through McGraw Hill Connect assignments and one online proctored final exam.

There are no required class meetings, attendance check-ins, discussion boards, or participation grades. There is no final project. All work must be completed and submitted through Connect only. No assignments will be accepted via email.

Important Course Deadline (Required)

All coursework must be submitted/completed by the Course Requirements Deadline at 11:59 PM to be counted for credit. There will be no exceptions.

Course Requirements Deadline: March 6, 2026 (11:59 PM)

Assignments, Exams, and Grading

This course grade is based only on the following:

- 15 McGraw Hill Connect assignments
- 1 online proctored final exam

Outcome Measure	Points Per Item	# Items	Available Points
Connect Assignments	50	15	750
Final Exam (Online Proctored)	300	1	300
TOTAL			1050

All 15 Connect assignments are due by March 6, 2026.

The final exam is online, proctored, and due by March 6, 2026 at 11:59 PM.

Late Work Policy (Strict)

I accept NO late work. Late Connect assignments and late exams will receive a score of 0 points. Plan accordingly.

Attendance

There is no attendance requirement for this Connect-based online course. Students are responsible for checking Connect regularly and completing all work by the posted deadlines.

University Policies

All Sul Ross State University policies remain in effect, including Distance Education, Academic Integrity, Academic Civility, Academic Excellence, ADA/Accessibility Services, and other policies as published by the University.

MY COURSE POLICIES

Communication is key.

I expect you to attend class (by physically attending and by logging in to Blackboard), engage, and complete your work by the deadlines assigned. However, I understand that extenuating circumstances can occur. Therefore, I expect you to inform me as soon as possible if you are having complications completing your work in a timely manner. **With communication, we can work out a plan for your success.** If you do not meet my expectations, and you do not communicate with me, there is nothing I can do to help you succeed. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to communicate with me.

IF YOU EMAIL ME: In the subject line put your name and the course you are emailing me about. Be professional, and respectful. No abbreviations.

READ MY ANNOUNCEMENTS: I may need to cancel class first thing in the morning and I may just send out an announcement with a single word

that will be on a pop quiz that day

Studies show that students have better grades when they attend class! So, please attend class. If you miss more than 3 classes without a documentation provided to the professor, your final grade in the class will be reduced by an entire letter grade. For example, if you have an A in the class but miss 4 classes without telling the professor, your final grade will be reduced to a B. Please make sure to communicate often and early with your professor, especially concerning absences.

I do not accept late work: If you do not turn in an assignment on time, you will receive a zero for that assignment. I understand extenuating circumstances can occur, but I don't care. You have 8 weeks to complete the assigned work, if you cannot make time to do your connect assignments or take the tests – you probably should not be enrolled in school at this time. This is absolutely, positively, 100% NON-NEGOTIABLE.

TESTS: All tests will be online via BB. I use a general lockdown browser. It is your responsibility to make sure your technical issues are resolved and you can complete the exam on your device or using the computer lab. I open the exam 1 week before the due date. If you start the timed exam 2 hours before the due date and time and have problems, I WILL NOT REOPEN THE EXAM. Please don't wait until the last minute to attempt the test.

I have zero tolerance for cheating, academic dishonesty, and plagiarism.

For any student who cheats, is suspected of cheating, or who unintentionally or intentionally plagiarizes, I immediately contact the Dean of Student Affairs, and the student receives a zero for the work. *There are no exceptions.* Please use anti-plagiarism software before turning in any assignment to avoid any consequences. If you need a review on how to avoid plagiarism and cite sources correctly, please visit the Lobo Den: <https://www.sulross.edu/student-advising/lobo-den/> **The use of AI to complete work in this class is prohibited.**

I do not calculate grades before the end of the semester.

All point totals are listed in this syllabus which will aid you in calculating your own grade. All of your grades will be on Blackboard.

Do not email me with questions until you check Blackboard announcements, your email, and you re-read this syllabus. Many questions can be answered by checking Blackboard announcements, your email, and reviewing this syllabus. If you still have questions after reviewing these three things, please email me using your Sul Ross email. I cannot answer email from non-Sul Ross accounts. Please address me as Dr. Dean in your communications. Please see the next course policy on how to write a professional email.

I value good grammar and professional communication.

In all of your work, please use good grammar. I require complete sentences in all of your assignments. If you write in phrases or without correct punctuation, you will receive point deductions. If you need a review on good grammar and acceptable writing practices, please make an appointment with the writing center.

Please be professional in your communications, especially when communicating by email. For a review on how to write a professional email, please see <https://www.grammarly.com/blog/professional-email-in-english/>.

Please be respectful both to your peers and professors in all communications both during and outside of class. In this class we may discuss topics that are debatable in nature. I ask that you share your experiences and opinions as you are willing; all opinions are welcomed and encouraged. Therefore, as we embrace differing opinions, students should be prepared to experience and participate in respectful conflict. If at any time a student engages in a disrespectful manner to peers or the professor, the student will be asked to leave the class and not return.

I value mental health.

I believe mental health is just as important as physical health. Free and confidential counseling services are available to all Sul Ross students. This course may feature discussions that can be reflective in nature. If at any time you feel the need to speak with somebody, you can make an appointment: <https://www.sulross.edu/counseling-and-accessibility-services/>

24-Hour National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 988

Sul Ross has partnered with TimelyCare, an online mental health support platform and all SR

students will have access to nine free Counseling sessions by visiting

<https://timelycare.com/SRSU/>. [SRSU](https://timelycare.com/SRSU/) also continues to offer counseling in Ferguson Hall room 112 in

Alpine, and telehealth Zoom session for our Rio Grande, Uvalde, Eagle Pass, and remote

students.

Note: Students, you are also eligible to receive **nine** free sessions with Timely Care. After the nine free sessions, additional sessions cost is \$79 per session.



ADA Statement

SRSU Accessibility Services. Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is SRSU policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request each semester for each class. Students seeking accessibility/accommodations services must contact Mrs. Mary Schwartze Grisham, LPC, SRSU's Accessibility Services Director at 432-837-8203 or email mschwartze@sulross.edu. Our office is located on the first floor of Ferguson Hall, room 112, and our mailing address is P.O. Box C122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, 79832.

SRSU Distance Education Statement

Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, such as 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 a secure login. 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. Directions for filing a student complaint are located in the student handbook.

Libraries

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 Lobold and password. Librarians are a tremendous resource for your coursework and can be reached in person, by email (srsulibrary@sulross.edu), or by phone (432-837-8123).

No matter where you are based, public libraries and many academic and special libraries welcome the general public into their spaces for study. SRSU TexShare Cardholders can access additional services and resources at various libraries across Texas. Learn more about the TexShare program by visiting

library.sulross.edu/find-and-borrow/texshare/ or ask a librarian by emailing srsulibrary@sulross.edu.

New for Fall 2023: Mike Fernandez, SRSU Librarian, is based in Eagle Pass (Building D-129) to offer specialized library services to students, faculty, and staff. Utilize free services such as InterLibrary Loan (ILL) and ScanIt to get materials delivered to you at home or via email.

Academic Integrity

Students in this class are expected to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. Students should submit work that is their own and avoid the temptation to engage in behaviors that violate academic integrity, such as turning in work as original that was used in whole or part for another course and/or professor; turning in another person's work as one's own; copying from professional works or internet sites without citation; collaborating on a course

assignment, examination, or quiz when collaboration is forbidden. Students should also avoid using open AI sources *unless permission is expressly given* for an assignment or course. Violations of academic integrity can result in failing assignments, failing a class, and/or more serious university consequences. These behaviors also erode the value of college degrees and higher education overall.

Classroom Climate of Respect

Importantly, this class will foster free expression, critical investigation, and the open discussion of ideas. This means that all of us must help create and sustain an atmosphere of tolerance, civility, and respect for the viewpoints of others. Similarly, we must all learn how to probe, oppose and disagree without resorting to tactics of intimidation, harassment, or personal attack. No one is entitled to harass, belittle, or discriminate against another on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender, national origin, or sexual preference. Still, we will not be silenced by the difficulty of fruitfully discussing politically sensitive issues.

Supportive Statement

I am to create a learning environment for my students that supports various perspectives and experiences. I understand that the recent pandemic, economic disparity, and health concerns, or even unexpected life events may 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 a supportive 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.