

PSY 301 – Child Development
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Section 04 **MWF 10-10:50** **2302 ASH**
Section 02 **MWF 11-11:50** **2302 ASH**
Section 01 **MWF 12-12:50** **2302 ASH**

Text Required: Children and Their Development, by R. V. Kail, 7th ed., 2015, Pearson.

Note: I ordered from GVSU bookstore the e-text version, which is considerably less expensive than purchasing the 7th ed. hard cover text new or used. This consists of purchasing the REVEL edition of the text (an Access Card which will give you the online e-text version with all resources). This should save you some bucks. However, if you prefer or wish to purchase a hard cover copy of the text through other sources, you are welcome to do so. All exam questions will come from the text material (the additional online materials in REVEL will not be part of required reading, assignments, or exams, but may be useful in learning/studying the material). If any questions, let me know.

Course Objectives: This course is designed to provide students with a broad survey of research and theories in child development from conception through adolescence. Developmental trends in the areas of physical, cognitive, and social/emotional development will be discussed. Students will learn about current knowledge in child development, research findings, theoretical explanations for observed trends, practical applications of material, and traditional as well as current issues in the field.

Exams: Exam 1 Mon., Sept. 26
 Exam 2 Mon., Oct. 24
 Exam 3 Wed., Nov. 9
 Exam 4 Fri., Dec. 2

 Sec. 04 – Tues., Dec. 13, 12-1:50
 Exam 5 Sec. 02 - Wed., Dec. 14, 10-11:50
 Sec. 01 – Wed., Dec. 14, 2-3:50

Each exam will consist of multiple choice questions. Exams will be graded on a percent basis. Exams will cover only material presented since the previous exam (both text and class material). There are no study guides given for exams.

Attendance & Exam Policy: You are expected to be in class and are responsible for everything that goes on in class. Should you miss class for any reason, it is your responsibility to find out what went on in class. You are also expected to take exams on days scheduled. If you should have a legitimate reason for missing an exam, you are expected to let me know before the exam (call/email and leave message), so a make-up exam can be arranged (in most cases, plan on taking make-ups immediately before the next class, if possible). I reserve the right to refuse to let you make up an exam if you do not contact me prior to the exam you miss, I do not feel your excuse is acceptable, or you repeatedly miss scheduled exams.

Term Paper: Observation/Testing of a Child's Developmental Capacities. **Due Fri., Nov. 18**, beginning of class- late papers not accepted. Paper should be typed, double-spaced, font size 12, 1 inch margins, approx. 8-10+ pages of text. The paper will be graded on a percent basis and will be worth equivalent of one exam. You will observe and test several abilities, skills, capacities of a child (between the ages of 5-12 years) in various areas of development, and write a paper explaining exactly what you did, how the child responded, and interpret your results in terms of course material. More details and discussion of the project will be given in class.

Grades: Final grades will be based on calculating the mean percent of the five exam scores and the paper score (thus, each counts 1/6). Grades will be assigned according to the following distribution:

A = 93-100%	B+= 87-89.9%	C+= 77-79.9%	D+= 67-69.9%
A-= 90-92.9%	B = 83-86.9%	C = 73-76.9%	D = 60-66.9%
	B-= 80-82.9%	C-= 70-72.9%	F = 0-59.9%

Extra Credit- There will be an extra credit option with the term paper that will be explained later.

DATE	COURSE OUTLINE	READINGS
Aug.29-Sept.2	Introduction, Research Methods in Development	Chpts.1,2,3
Sept. 5	No class-Labor Day recess	
Sept. 7-9	Research Methods, Developmental Theories	
Sept. 12-16	Theories, Heredity & Environment	
Sept. 19-23	Prenatal Development, Birth, Newborn	
Sept. 26-30	Mon.-Exam 1 (Chpts. 1,2,3) Physical Development	Chpts. 4,5,6
Oct. 3-7	Perceptual and Motor Development	
Oct. 10-14	Perception, Cognitive Development- Piaget	
Oct. 17-21	Cognitive Development- Piaget, Vygotsky	
Oct. 24-28	Mon.-Exam 2 (Chpts. 4,5,6) Information Processing, Learning, Memory	Chpts. 7,8,9
Oct. 31-Nov. 4	Intelligence, Language and Communication	
Nov. 7-11	Language Development Wed.-Exam 3 (Chpts. 7,8,9) Emotional Development	Chpts. 10,11,12
Nov. 14-18	Emotional Development, Self & Others Fri.- Paper Due Nov. 18	
Nov. 21	Moral Development	
Nov. 23-25	No Class-Thanksgiving Recess	
Nov.28-Dec.2	Moral Development Fri.-Exam 4 (Chpts. 10,11,12)	
Dec. 5-9	Gender, Family, Peer, Outside Influences, Conclusion	Chpts. 13,14,15
Exam 5 (Chpts. 13,14,15)-		
	Sec. 05- Tues., Dec. 15, 12-1:50	
	Sec. 02- Wed., Dec. 16, 10-11:50	
	Sec. 01- Wed., Dec. 16, 2-3:50	

*Students take this course for many reasons. Some are taking the course as a requirement for admission to the College of Education. This course supports the vision, mission, and values of the COE, which include: Vision-We envision our future as a community of educators who promote teaching excellence, active scholarship, and social responsibility. Mission-We develop quality educators to teach, lead, and serve in local and world communities. Values-We promote inquiry, ethics, collaboration, and decision making.

Special Accommodations: If you are in need of any special accommodations, please be sure to talk to me so appropriate measures can be taken to meet your needs.

Annoyances of Mass Distraction: This section should not be needed (and is not needed for about 90% of you, and I thank you in advance). Yet here it is for the rest: You are here to give your full attention to this class. If I feel you are being annoying or a distraction, either to yourself, to other students, or to me as the instructor, I will tell you to leave. That covers most everything, but a few comments to add.

I do not want to see a phone (or similar e-device). Turn it off and put it away. A turned off phone on a desk, even if not being used or touched is not acceptable. I will tell you to leave. This includes giving the appearance of using/checking a phone/device (trying to be sneaky, in other words).

Sorry, no laptops or similar electronic devices allowed for note taking or anything else.

I also find that when two students are continually talking throughout the class it is extremely annoying, distracting, and rude (so don't get that surprised look on your face when I tell you to leave).

If you have a very legitimate reason for needing to have a device available, please talk to me ahead of time and get my approval.

Academic Integrity: You received a Student Code when you entered GVSU, which contains very strict policies for academic integrity and honesty. This includes policies on what constitutes cheating and plagiarism. I have no tolerance for either, so familiarize yourself with the policies if needed. Ignorance is not an excuse. It is really rather simple. If you are using someone else's work or ideas and are not giving them credit, that would be a no-no. On a paper it would be plagiarism, on an exam (looking at their answers/exam or giving the appearance of looking at someone's exam in my judgment as instructor) it would be cheating. Cheating/plagiarism will result in a score of 0 for that particular exam/paper.

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This syllabus is subject to change at the educated whim of the instructor.

Professors' Pet Peeves (a partial list)-from Lisa Wade, Ph.D., Sociological Images, Aug. 26, 2014.

1. Don't use unprofessional correspondence.
2. Don't ask if you "missed anything important" during an absence.
3. Don't pack up your things before the class is finished.
4. Don't ask a question about readings, assignments, or exams, until you check the syllabus first.