

by email BEFORE the scheduled exam time. If you miss any of the exams without a legitimate reason, you will receive a zero. No exams will be given prior to the scheduled date.

“Youth Around the World” Presentation and Paper (groups of 4 students): you will choose a world region and select 3 countries within that region which differ from each other in terms of history, political philosophy and/or traditions. You will be asked to compare and contrast the similarities and differences among these countries within that specific region in relation to aspects of youth social development (e.g., family, peer relations, self) covered in class. Detailed instructions will be provided in class.

Quizzes/ in-class activities / homeworks: these will be assigned throughout the semester (usually 5 points each). All quizzes will be administered online via Blackboard. There will be no makeup opportunities for any of the in-class work.

Grading Scale

| | Points | Percentage | Final Grade |
|---|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | A 94 - 100% |
| <i>Exam 1</i> | 50 | 20% | A- 90 – 93% |
| <i>Exam 2</i> | 50 | 20% | B+ 87 - 89% |
| <i>Final Exam</i> | 40 | 16% | B 84 – 86% |
| <i>Quizzes, in-class activities, homework</i> | 50 | 20% | B- 80 – 83% |
| <i>Group Presentation & Paper</i> | 60 | 24% | C+ 77 – 79% |
| Total | 250 | 100 % | C 74 - 76% |
| | | | C- 70 – 73% |
| | | | D+ 67 – 69% |
| | | | D 60 – 66% |
| | | | F 59% and lower |

Attendance:

Attendance will not be taken. BUT, you will be expected to come to every class, prepared to ask questions and discuss issues. Participating in group discussions, and reading assigned materials before and after class are crucial to getting a good grade and learning something from this class. If you are unable to attend class, make sure to find out what has been covered in class (from your colleagues, NOT FROM THE INSTRUCTOR). Students are responsible for checking Blackboard each time before class for announcements.

Please turn off your cell phone in class and use laptops for class purposes only!!

Academic Honesty:

Violations of the standards of Academic Honesty will be met with severe penalties. In addition to referral to the appropriate university committee, anyone known to be plagiarizing material or copying from another person’s exam will receive a grade of zero on that assignment or exam.

Your resources:

Often the most exciting and interesting resources are the ones that you bring to the course. Issues related to adolescence and teens themselves are often in the media. If you discover an interesting book, article, news event, or any other resource, please don’t hesitate to send it to me. I will review it and send it to the class and/or post it on Blackboard.

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE & READING ASSIGNMENTS

| | Topic | Readings |
|---|---|-----------------|
| Week 1 Jan 7 and 9 | Course Overview & Introduction | Ch. 1 |
| Week 2 Jan 14 and 16 | Biological Foundations | Ch. 2 |
| Week 3 Jan 21 and 23 | Cognitive Foundations | Ch. 3 |
| Week 4 Jan 28 and 30 | Cultural Beliefs | Ch. 4 |
| Week 5 Feb 4 and 6 | Feb 4: First Exam (Ch. 1, 2, 3, 4) Th: In-class Discussion of Group Projects (First Drafts) | |
| Week 6 Feb 11 and 13 | Gender | Ch. 5 |
| Week 7 Feb 18 and 20 | The Self | Ch. 6 |
| Week 8 Feb 25 and 27 | Family Relationships | Ch. 7 |
| Week 9 March 3 and 5 | Spring Break | |
| Week 10 March 10&12 | Friends and Peers | Ch. 8 |
| Week 11 March 17&19 | March 17: Exam 2 (Ch. 5, 6, 7, 8) March 23: In-class activities and Video | |
| Week 12 March 24&26 | School and Work | Ch. 10 and 11 |
| Week 13 March 31/April 2 | Love and Sexuality/ Problems and Resilience | Ch. 9 and 13 |
| Week 14 April 7 and 9 | Group Presentations | |
| Week 15 April 14 and 16 | Group Presentations Paper due April 16 | |
| Final Exam Tuesday, April 21, 10:00 am - 11:50 am | | |

The Science of Adolescent Development

Scientific Organizations:

The Society for Adolescent Medicine (SAM) www.adolescenthealth.org.

From their website: “SAM is a multi-disciplinary organization of health professionals who are committed to advancing the health and well-being of adolescents. Through education, research, clinical services, and advocacy activities, members of the Society for Adolescent Medicine strive to enhance public and professional awareness of adolescent health issues among families, educators, policy makers, youth-serving organizations, students who are considering a health career as well as other health professionals. SAM members come from many different professional disciplines but share the common goal of better understanding the unique health needs and concerns of adolescents.”

The Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA). www.s-r-a.org.

From their website: “The Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA) is a rapidly growing, dynamic society focused on the theoretical, empirical, and policy research issues of adolescence. Through its biennial meetings and publishing efforts, SRA promotes the dissemination of research on adolescents and serves as a network and forum for its members. SRA publishes both the Journal of Research on Adolescence and a bi-annual Newsletter.”

Scientific Peer-Reviewed Journals on Adolescence:

You may find it useful to access the following peer-reviewed scientific journals that focus on adolescence either wholly or in part. There are many other journals that publish peer-reviewed research on adolescence. But, these are some of the most prominent ones. Those journals marked with an asterisk (*) are generally considered to be the best journals in the field.

- *Adolescence*
- *Applied Developmental Science*
- *Child Development**
- *Developmental Psychology*
Emerging Adulthood
- *Journal of Adolescence*
- *Journal of Adolescent Health*
- *Journal of Adolescent Research*
- *Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology*
- *Journal of Early Adolescence*
- *Journal of Educational Psychology**
- *Journal of Research on Adolescence**
- *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*