

**SYLLABUS – Psych 211-003
Developmental Psychology
Fall 2011
Aug 30 – Dec 8, 2011**

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Class Hours & Location: Tuesdays and Thursdays – 10:30 – 11:45 am
Robinson B 113

Office Hours: Tuesdays: 8:00 – 9:00 am
Wednesdays: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesdays: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Or by appointment

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REQUIRED TEXT: Guest, A. (2010). *Taking Sides: Clashing Views in Life-Span Development; Ed.3*. Boston: McGraw-Hill.
ISBN-13:9780078049958 or 0078049954

Suggested Text: Santrock, J. W. (2008). *Essentials of Life Span Development*. Boston: McGraw-Hill.
ISBN # 978-0-07-340551-3

PRE-REQUISITE: Introductory Psychology – PSYC 100

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND REQUIREMENTS:

The overall objective of this course is for the student to become familiar with the field of human development through a lifespan perspective, within a biological, cognitive, and socio-emotional framework. Your personal objective as a student is to digest the information presented as a scholar and as a scientist. Hopefully, you will come away from this course with an increased appreciation of developmental process of the human person over the lifespan. This course begins with prenatal development, and covers the entire range of the lifespan – ending with the senior years.

PARTICIPATION: Class attendance will be taken in each class. Although not mandatory, regular class attendance (no more than 3 absences) can result in up to 1 point added to the final

grade. Class attendance will be considered as participation in the course.

LECTURE: Lecture material will be taken from the assigned textbooks. You will be held responsible for all material discussed in class, and the material contained in the texts unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

Class Notes: Class notes are on-line in the library e-reserves. You will receive a handout with all directions and password on the first day of class.

Taking Sides: On days noted in the syllabus, the class will discuss an assigned article from *Taking Sides*. Material discussed during this time period will comprise a portion of each of the four exams, and a portion of the optional comprehensive final exam.

Extra credit: A group of debaters comprised of class students can earn up to five points of extra credit, if they put on a debate at the front of the class on the assigned days. These debate teams can be comprised as a one pro, one con team; or a two pro, two con team. This project is optional, extra credit, and the team must sign up on a sign-up sheet in advance. No debates will be done after Thanksgiving recess.

EXAMS: There will be four exams. Each exam will be worth 25 points. The final exam is optional. Students may make up one exam if they wish or better their score on one exam if they choose to take the final. *The final exam will be comprehensive.* All the other exams will only be on the material covered during the period between exams. There will be absolutely NO make up exams other than the comprehensive exam on finals week.

FINAL GRADE COMPOSITE:

Attendance/Participation:	Up to 1 point
Exams - 4, 25 pt exams	Up to 100 points
Extra credit debate	Up to 5 points
<u>Possible Total points:</u>	<u>106 possible points</u>

Honor Code:

Strict adherence to the GMU Honor Code as stated in the GMU catalog is expected and enforced. The instructor reserves the right to enter a failing grade to any student found guilty of an honor code violation.

Accommodations :

If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Office of Disability Resources at 703-993-2474. All accommodations must be arranged through that office.

GRADE BREAKDOWN:

100 +	A+	79-77	C+
95 +	A	74-76	C
90-94	A-	70-73	C-
87-89	B+	60-69	D
84-86	B	<60	F
80-83	B-		

***Last day to drop this class with no tuition penalty is Tuesday Sept 6, 2011.**

COURSE SCHEDULE (Subject to change)

Tues Aug 30

Chapter 1

Thurs Sept 1

Chapter 1

Tues Sept 6

Chapter 2 (**last day to drop with no tuition penalty**)

Thurs Sept 8

Chapter 2 (**Unit 1, Issue one – *Taking Sides***)

Tues Sept 13

Chapter 2

Thurs Sept 15

Exam # 1

Tues Sept 20

Chapter 3

Thurs Sept 22

Chapter 3 (**Unit 2, Issue 4**)

Tues Sept 27

Chapter 3

Thurs Sept 29

Chapter 4

Tues Oct 4

Chapter 4

Thurs Oct 6

Chapter 4 (**Unit 2, Issue 5**)

Tues Oct 11

Columbus Day holiday – No Class

Thurs Oct 13	Exam # 2
Tues Oct 18	Chapter 5
Thurs Oct 20	Chapter 5 (Unit 3, Issue 8)
Tues Oct 25	Chapter 5
Thurs Oct 27	Chapter 7
Tues Nov 1	Chapter 7 (Unit 3, Issue 9)
Thurs Nov 3	Exam # 3
Tues Nov 8	Chapter 9
Thurs Nov 10	Chapter 9 (Unit 4, Issue 11)
Tues Nov 15	Chapter 12
Thurs Nov 17	Chapter 12 (Unit 6, Issue 15)
Tues Nov 22	Chapter 15
Nov 23 – 27	Thanksgiving Recess – No classes
Tues Nov 29	Chapter 15 (Unit 7, Issue 19)
Thurs Dec 1	Exam # 4
Tues Dec 6	Return of Exam # 4 and review. You must be present in class to receive your grade on Exam # 4. No grades will be given in response to emailed requests.
Thurs Dec 8	Chapter 17 (Unit7, Issue 20)
Tues Dec 13	Optional Final Exam – Comprehensive 10:30 am – 11:45 am; location is our classroom