**PSYC 211-004 – Developmental Psychology**

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Prerequisites: PSYC 100 or permission of instructor

Readings: The Developing Person Through the Life Span 11th edition by Kathleen Stassen Berger

**Introduction**

This course will explore the psychological development of people throughout childhood, adolescence, and adulthood. We will explore human development through biological, cognitive, and social perspectives. I hope that throughout this course, you will gain insight into different theories about human development and a greater understanding of psychologists use empirical information to reveal the basis of human behavior.

Since this class is online, it will be mostly self-paced. There will be video lectures, powerpoints and exams posted throughout the semester. This course is integrated with Launchpad and you can access it through the course content tab on blackboard. Launchpad is not required for the course, but you can use it if you want to. If you don’t want to use Launchpad, you will still need to have access to the textbook.

While reading the textbook or watching the lectures, you may have some questions. If you need any help understanding information related to the course, feel free to email me. We can discuss the class individually through emails or through phone meetings. There is also a discussion board topic open on blackboard where you can posts questions, which I will check periodically.

**Exams**

There will 4 exams on this course. These exams will be posted on blackboard at least 1 week before the due date. The exams and final will be compromised of multiple choice and short answer questions.

**Grading**

Exam 1 - 25% Due 2/19

Exam 2 - 25% Due 3/19

Exam 3 - 25% Due 4/9

Exam 4 - 25% Due 5/3

Total: 100 %

**Grading Scale (As a percentage of total points)**

A+ = 100-97 A= 96-84 A- = 93-90

B+ = 89-87 B = 86-84 B- = 83-80

C = 79-70

D = 69-60

F < 60

**Drop/Add**

· Students are responsible for verifying their enrollment in this class. Schedule adjustments should be made by the deadlines published in the Schedule of Classes

o 2/1 last day to add classes

o 2/12 final drop deadline (no tuition penalty)

o 2/16 final drop deadline (50% tuition penalty)

o2/17-3/1 selective withdrawal period (100% tuition liability)

· After the last day to drop a class, withdrawing from this class requires the approval of the dean and is only allowed for nonacademic reasons. Undergraduate students may choose to exercise a selective withdrawal. See the Schedule of Classes for selective withdrawal procedures.

**Mason Honor Code:**

***Student members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work.***

For information regarding the specifics of the honor code, visit <http://oai.gmu.edu/>. If you have a specific question regarding the honor code in this class, please ask me. Any engagement in academic dishonosty can result in an automatic failure of the course and will be reported to the Office of Academic Integrity.

**Communications:**

"Official Communications via GMU E-mail: Mason uses electronic mail to provide official information to students. Examples include communications from course instructors, notices form the library, notices about academic standing, financial aid information, class materials, assignments, questions, and instructor feedback. Students are responsible for the content of university communication sent to their mason e-mail account, and are required to activate that account and check it regularly."

**Accommodations:**

“If you are a student with disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 709-993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office.”

**Technology**

A computer will be required to access Blackboard, the video lectures, the powerpoint, and to take the exams. If you do not have access to a computer, there are many computer labs around campus that are available to you.

**Calendar**

**Disclaimer:** The information on this calendar is subject to change.

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| Chapters | Due Dates |
| Chapter 1 |  |
| Chapter 2 |  |
| Chapter 3 |  |
| Chapter 4 |  |
| Chapter 5 |  |
| Chapter 6 |  |
| Chapter 7 |  |
| Exam 1 (Chapters 1-7) | 2/19/2021 |
| Chapter 8 |  |
| Chapter 9 |  |
| Chapter 10 |  |
| Chapter 11 |  |
| Chapter 12 |  |
| Chapter 13 |  |
| Exam 2 (Chapters 8-13) | 3/19/2021 |
| Chapter 14 |  |
| Chapter 15 |  |
| Chapter 16 |  |
| Chapter 17 |  |
| Chapter 18 |  |
| Chapter 19 |  |
| Exam 3 (Chapters 14-19) | 4/9/2021 |
| Chapter 20 |  |
| Chapter 21 |  |
| Chapter 22 |  |
| Chapter 23 |  |
| Chapter 24 |  |
| Chapter 25 |  |
| Exam 4 (Chapters 20-25)  | 3-May |