Syllabus
Child Development  Psych 313-A01
Summer 2012

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Class hours & Location:  MTWT May 21 through June 21, 2012
12:00 – 2:15 pm    Robinson A 106

Office Hours:  Mondays:  8:00 – 9:00 am
Tuesdays:  2:15 – 3:15 pm
Or by appointment

Office Location:  David King 2063
Office Phone:  703 993 1748

Required Text:  Annual Editions:  Child Growth and Development;

Required Software:  My Virtual Child; Pearson
myvirtualchild.com - cost $25.00
Class ID for software is 4046

Course Objectives and Requirements:
This course will acquaint the student with the developmental journey of the child. Development will be viewed through the lens of a physical-cognitive-socio-emotive study. We will explore the research on child development spanning pre-natal through middle childhood. Topics as attachment, language development, family, peers, school, and culture will be explored. Developmental theorists as Piaget, Erickson, Vygotsky, Bowlby and Bronfenbrenner will be covered.

Each student will raise a virtual child using the required software. Weekly assignments pertaining to the development of the virtual child will be required. Directions will be given on the first day of class. This Assignment is worth 25% of the total grade.

Participation: Although not mandatory, regular class attendance is encouraged. This being a summer course, it is expected that the student will not miss more than one class. If this expectation is met, one extra credit point will be added to the total points earned in the course.
**Exams:**

There will be a midterm and a final exam. The **midterm exam on Thurs. May 31 is worth 40 points** and the **final exam on Thurs. June 21 is worth 35 points.** There will be NO makeup exams given.

**Lecture:**

The student is responsible for all lecture materials, notes, and articles in the text.

**Class Notes and Virtual Child directions are available on Library e-reserves.** Instructions and password will be distributed in the first class.

**Extra credit**

Students may choose to give an extra credit presentation on one of the articles in the *Annual Editions* or on a topic supplementing the material in *My Virtual Child*. This presentation should be no longer than 15 min. and should be a Power Point presentation. **DO NOT READ YOUR SLIDES.** We all can read. Points will be taken off if you do. You may earn up to 10 extra credit points if you choose to do this presentation. **You must present before Thurs. June 14. No presentations will be allowed past this date.**

Or:

Students may choose to do a book report with a reflective piece on one of the books I suggest. (up to 5 extra credit points, 4 – 5 typed pages, double spaced.)

**Last day to drop a class in summer semester A with no tuition liability is May 25, 2012.**

**Final Grade Composite:**

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Honor Code: All provisions of the GMU Honor Code apply to this class. Therefore, performance on the presentation, paper, exams, and Virtual Child, is expected to be the student’s own work. Proper referencing is required. (Consult the APA manual.)

Accommodations: If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact The Office of Disability Center (ODC) at 703 993-2474. All accommodations must be arranged through that office.

Course Schedule (Subject to change)

Week one: Intro and Prenatal development
Discussion of relevant articles – 1, 2, 3

Week two: Infancy and Toddlerhood
Discussion of relevant articles – 4, 6, 7

Midterm Exam: May 31

Week three: Early Childhood
Discussion of relevant articles – 6, 7, 18

Week four: Middle Childhood
Discussion of relevant articles – 22, 24, 32

Week five: Wrap up and discussion of remaining lectures and articles

Final Exam: June 21 regular classroom and time

Weekly assignments for My Virtual Child must be handed in every Thursday. Assignments must be typed, should be 1 to 2 pages – double spaced, stapled if applicable. No late assignments or emailed assignments will be accepted.

There will be NO makeup exams.

Monday May 28 is Memorial Day. There will be no class.