

**Human Growth and Development
PSYC 3010-E02 Summer 2020
Maymester On-line
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Communication

I will have a 24 hour turn around policy for all course related questions. If you would like to speak by phone, please let me know and we can set up a time to talk by phone.

Required Text

Arnett, J. J. (2012). *Human development a cultural approach*. New York, NY: Pearson. ISBN: 10:0-205-59526-X

Course Description

This course provides you with an overview of the central theories of human development; these theories then provide a lens through which we address major milestones of development across the lifespan. The course places a specific focus on how gender, family systems, environment, culture, social and historical systems impact development.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course you will be able to:

1. Identify major theoretical and cross-cultural perspectives in development psychology;
2. Apply theoretical perspectives to an understanding of critical life span development milestones.
3. Use life span development theories and tools to understand your own development.
4. Understand the way in which large systems (i.e. political, economic, cultural) impact life-span development.
5. Articulate the major developmental challenges of our day.
6. Use developmental theory and practice to craft responses to these challenges.

Additional Course Information

All Students Please Note: For important policy information, i.e., the UWG Honor Code, Email, and Credit Hour policies, as well as information on Academic Support and Online Courses, please review the information found in the **Common Language for Course Syllabi** documentation at http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/vpaa/Common_Language_for_Course_Syllabi.pdf. Additions and updates are made as institution, state, and federal standards change, so please review it each semester.

Course Calendar with Due Dates

I have posted a course calendar that indicates the due dates for each of the Discussion Questions and Tests. The calendar is posted in a folder entitled Course Calendar.

Course Requirements

1. Discussion Questions. There are three discussion questions (DQs) due this session. These discussion questions are posted in a folder marked Discussion Questions. The due dates for your DQ responses are indicated below and are also listed on our course calendar. Each discussion question is worth 25 points. To get full credit for your DQ you must: answer the question(s) thoroughly; draw clearly from the information presented in your textbook; write in full and grammatically correct sentences; proofread your paper so that it is free from typos. I DO NOT ACCEPT LATE ASSIGNMENTS.
2. Tests: There are three tests throughout our semester; the dates for these tests, as well as the chapters covered, are listed below and also posted on our course calendar. The tests will be multiple choice and you will have two hours to complete each test. EACH TEST WILL BE POSTED BY 9 AM ON THE DAY LISTED AND WILL CLOSE ON MIDNIGHT OF THE SAME DAY. Each test is worth 33 points.

Discussion Questions	50%
Three Tests:	50%

Course Schedule

May 8	Read Syllabus Read Chapter 1: A Cultural Approach to Human Development
May 11	Read Chapter 2: Genetics and Prenatal Development
May 12	Read Chapter 3: Birth and the Newborn Child
May 13	Read Chapter 4: Infancy <i><u>DQ1 Due Via Dropbox</u></i>
May 14	Chapter 5: Toddlerhood TEST ONE ON CHAPTERS 1-5
May 15	Read Chapter 6: Toddlerhood
May 18	Read Chapter 7: Early childhood <i><u>DQ2 Due Via Dropbox</u></i>
May 19	Read Chapter 8: Middle Childhood
May 20	Read Chapter 9: Adolescence
May 21	Read Chapter 10: Emerging Adulthood TEST TWO ON CHAPTERS 6-10

- May 22** **Read Chapter 11: Middle Adulthood**
- May 25** **Read Chapter 12: Late Adulthood**
DQ3 Due Via Dropbox
- May 26** **Read Chapter 13: Death and After life Beliefs**
TEST THREE ON CHAPTERS 11-13

TECHNICAL RESOURCES

Below is some information to help you as you move through this semester. If you have never taken an on-line course, you will definitely want to make use of these resources. I am not available to you for technical support and will always refer you to these resources for any technical questions or challenges you might have.

1. There is 24/7 assistance available, 365 days a year. Search here for FAQs and tutorials: <http://help8.view.usg.edu> or call 1-866-588-5293 toll free. Our campus Distance Education helpline is also available M-F: distance@westga.edu/678-839-6248
2. Write down this URL: <http://westga.view.usg.edu>. You will need this URL if any of our related on campus website or services (like my UWG) go down. You may be able to access CourseDen directly by having this direct URL handy.