

PSYC 2655 - Child Development

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Course Description

2655. Child Development. Foundations of human development from conception through approximately the first decade of life. Fundamental issues of developmental processes in biological, cognitive, and social-emotional domains and their broader implications for society and later development of the individual. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Child Development: An Introduction	J. W. Santrock	

This book is part of the "First Day Ready" program. If you wish to purchase a physical copy of the textbook, contact the bookstore. You will access the text and all assignments through Blackboard and McGrawHill's Connect learning platform.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	SmartBook Chapters and Quizzes (chs. 1, 2, 3)	The Nature of Child Development	Discussion Board - Introduce Yourself Discussion Board - Most Significant Issue Discussion Board - Reflection Policy Recommendation Design a Study Due Friday August 28 at 11:59 PM
8/31	SmartBook Chapters and Quizzes (chs. 4, 5, 6)	Prenatal and Neonatal Periods	Discussion Board - Reflection Discussion - Birth Evaluating Toy Claims Video Concept Clip - Habituation Video - Detecting Autism Discussion - Predicting Autism Lab Activity - Infant Vision Due Friday, September 4 at 11:59 PM EST



9/7	SmartBook Chapters and Quizzes (chs. 7, 8)	Cognitive Development	Discussion Board - Reflection Discussion Board - Risky Behavior Testing for Piaget's Conservation Lunch Time with Piaget Day-Night Stroop Effect Due Friday, September 11 at 11:59 pm EST
9/14	SmartBook Chapters and Quizzes (chs. 9, 10)	Intelligence and Language	Discussion Board - Reflection Discussion - Which Kind of Intelligence Are You? Discussion - Your Experience with Intelligence Tests Take a Position - Intelligence Language Observation The Wug Test Video Concept Clip - Intelligence Link - Take the Gardner Test Due Friday, September 18 at 11:59 PM EST
9/21	SmartBook Chapters and Quizzes (chs. 11, 12)	Emotional Development and the Self	Discussion Board - Reflection Discussion Board - Your Own Attachment Discussion Board - Media and Self-Esteem Attachment Observation Identify Marcia's Statuses Due Friday, September 25 at 11:59 PM EST
9/28	SmartBook Chapters and Quizzes (chs. 13, 14)	Gender and Morality	Discussion Board - Reflection Gender Stereotyping on TV Observing Altruism Kohlberg's Stages of Moral Reasoning Due Friday, October 2 at 11:59 PM EST
10/5	Smart Book Chapters and Quizzes (chs. 15, 16, 17)	Social Systems in Development	Discussion Board - Reflection Video and Reaction - Bullying Video and Reaction - Economic Case for Preschool Discussion Board - Parenting Class Requirement Take the Grit Scale Thinking about Grit Discussion Board - Most Significant Issue (at the end of the course) Due Friday, October 9 at 11:59 PM EST

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