

PSYC 3758 - Lifespan Development

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section A01, CRN 41684,

Credit hours: 3

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- Ph.D., Psychology, University of Notre Dame, 2007
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Course Description

3758. Lifespan Development. Study of theory and research on development from conception to death. Focus upon psychological, physiological, social and cultural influences. May not be taken for credit if the student has received credit for two or more of PSYC 3755, PSYC 3756, PSYC 3757. Prereq.: PSYC 1560. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Essentials of Life-Span Development	John W. Santrock	9781266609145

Notes About Your Textbook

1. We will use Connect/SmartBook 2.0 (which may sometimes be referred to as LearnSmart or Connect) in this course. Your electronic textbook will be available in Blackboard upon your enrollment via the first-day ready program (i.e., you will be granted access to the SmartBook automatically).
2. To access the e-book, log in to our course's Blackboard site and click on one of the SmartBook assignments. If you have any trouble accessing the SmartBook in this manner, contact McGraw-Hill tech support (<https://mhedu.force.com/CXG/s/ContactUs>). Email your professor right away if they are unable to resolve the problem.
3. Students may choose to add a looseleaf copy of the text through McGraw-Hill/Connect if they would like to have a hard copy during the semester or keep a copy of the textbook for future reference. This can be purchased anytime throughout the semester but is not required. If you choose to purchase the looseleaf text and have questions on how to do so, contact McGraw-Hill tech support (<https://mhedu.force.com/CXG/s/ContactUs>).

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

Course Schedule

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Chapter 1 Chapter 2	Getting Started Module (8 points) Module 1: Key Issues in Human Development (10 points)	Getting Started Module is Due on Day 4 (August 27, 2026): Quiz 1 (Getting Started Module) Quiz 2 (Getting Started Module) Quiz 3 (Getting Started Module) Discussion Board 1 (Getting Started Module) Discussion Board 2 (Getting Started Module) How to Use SmartBook 2.0 (Getting Started Module) Module 1 is Due on Day 5 (August 28, 2026): Discussion Board 3 (Module 1) SmartBook Homework: Chapter 1 (Module 1) SmartBook Homework: Chapter 2 (Module 1) Review of Key Concepts Assignment (Module 1)
8/31	Chapter 3 Chapter 5 Chapter 7 Chapter 9	Module 2: Physical and Cognitive Development from Infancy through Adolescence (12 points)	Module 2 is Due on Day 14 (September 6, 2026): SmartBook Homework: Chapter 3 SmartBook Homework: Chapter 5 SmartBook Homework: Chapter 7 SmartBook Homework: Chapter 9
9/7	Chapter 11 Chapter 13 Chapter 15	Module 3: Physical and Cognitive Development from Early Adulthood through Old Age (21 points)	Due on Day 21 (September 13, 2026): SmartBook Homework: Chapter 11 SmartBook Homework: Chapter 13 SmartBook Homework: Chapter 15 Review of Key Concepts Assignment: Physical and Cognitive Development Exam 1 (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, & 15)
9/14	Chapter 4 Chapter 6 Chapter 8 Chapter 10	Module 4: Socioemotional Development from Infancy through Adolescence (12 points)	Due on Day 28 (September 20, 2026): SmartBook Homework: Chapter 4 SmartBook Homework: Chapter 6 SmartBook Homework: Chapter 8 SmartBook Homework: Chapter 10
9/21	Chapter 12 Chapter 14 Chapter 16	Module 5: Socioemotional Development from Early Adulthood through Old Age (13 points)	Due on Day 35 (September 27, 2026): SmartBook Homework: Chapter 12 SmartBook Homework: Chapter 14 SmartBook Homework: Chapter 16 Review of Key Concepts Assignment: Socioemotional Development Discussion Board 4: Successful Aging
9/28	Chapter 17	Module 6: End-of-Life Issues (15 points)	Due on Day 42 (October 4, 2026) SmartBook Homework: Chapter 17 Discussion Board 5: Life That Doesn't End With Death Exam 2 (Chapters 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, & 17)

10/5	No Readings This Week	Module 7: End-of-Term Activities and Assignments (9 points)	Due on Day 49 (October 11, 2026): Discussion Board 6: Secrets of Success Lifespan Development Assignment Discussion Board 7: End-of-Term Reflection
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