

PSYC 6905 - Principles of Development for School Psychology

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Course Description

6905. Principles of Development for School Psychology. This course examines principles and theories of human development in typical and atypical populations as they apply to the practice and scholarship of school psychology. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Child and Adolescent Development for Educators	Christine B. McCormick, Alysia D. Roehrig, David G. Scherer	9781462558346

Additional Required Readings (supplied in Blackboard):

Horowitz, F. D. (2000). Child development and the PITS: Simple questions, complex answers, and developmental theory. *Child Development*, 71(1), 1-10.

Siegler, R. S. (2000). The rebirth of children's learning. *Child Development*, 71(1), 26-35.

Throughout the semester, students will engage with instructor-approved contemporary research articles selected to extend and deepen understanding of weekly course topics. Student-selected readings serve as supplemental scholarly materials and must receive instructor approval to ensure alignment with course objectives, program standards, and current approaches in school psychology practice.

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

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Thu	8/27	Syllabus	Course Introduction/Concept of Development Assign Research Roundtable Leaders	Review syllabus
Thu	9/3	Chapter 1 Horowitz (2000) Siegler (2000)	Developmental Research Methods	Applied Learning Activity #1 (Due 9/6) Applied Learning Activity #2 (Due 9/6)
Thu	9/10	Chapter 2 Chapter 2 Research Roundtable Article	Biological Development	Ch. 2 Research Roundtable (Due 9/10) Integrated Chapter Analysis (Ch. 1 & 2) (Due 9/10) Applied Learning Activity #3 (Due 9/13)



Thu	9/17	Chapter 3 Chapter 3 Research Roundtable Article	Cognitive Development: Piaget	Ch. 3 Research Roundtable (Due 9/17) Applied Learning Activity #4 (Due 9/20) Applied Learning Activity #5 (Due 9/20)
Thu	9/24	Chapter 4 Chapter 4 Research Roundtable Article	Cognitive Development: Information Processing	Ch. 4 Research Roundtable (Due 9/24) Integrated Chapter Analysis (Ch. 3 & 4) (Due 9/24) Applied Learning Activity #6 (Due 9/27) Applied Learning Activity #7 (Due 9/27)
Thu	10/1	Chapter 5 Chapter 5 Research Roundtable Article	Social Theories of Development and Learning	Ch. 5 Research Roundtable (Due 10/1) Applied Learning Activity #8 (Due 10/4) Applied Learning Activity #9 (Due 10/4)
Thu	10/8	Chapter 6 Chapter 6 Research Roundtable Article	Sociocultural Theories of Development	Ch. 6 Research Roundtable (Due 10/8) Integrated Chapter Analysis (Ch. 5 & 6) (Due 10/8) Applied Learning Activity #10 (Due 10/11) Applied Learning Activity #11 (Due 10/11)
Thu	10/15		Midterm Exam	Midterm Exam (Due 10/15) Applied Learning Activity #12 (Due 10/18)
Thu	10/22	Chapter 7 Chapter 7 Research Roundtable Article	Language Development	Ch. 7 Research Roundtable (Due 10/22) Applied Learning Activity #14 (Due 10/25) Applied Learning Activity #13 (Due 10/25)
Thu	10/29	Chapter 8 Chapter 8 Research Roundtable Article	Intelligence and Individual Differences	Ch. 8 Research Roundtable (Due 10/29) Applied Learning Activity #15 (Due 11/1) Applied Learning Activity #16 (Due 11/1)
Thu	11/5		Professional Learning Experience: OSPA Conference or Alternate Assignment	Attend OSPA or Complete the Alternate Assignment (Due 11/5)
Thu	11/12	Chapter 9 Chapter 9 Research Roundtable Article	Motivation	Ch. 9 Research Roundtable (Due 11/12) Integrated Chapter Analysis (Ch. 7-9) (Due 11/12) Applied Learning Activity #17 (Due 11/15) Applied Learning Activity #18 (Due 11/15)
Thu	11/19	Chapter 10 Chapter 11 Chapter 10/11 Research Roundtable Article	Family, Peer Relationships, and Gender	Ch. 10/11 Research Roundtable (Due 11/19) Integrated Chapter Analysis (Ch. 10 & 11) (Due 11/19) Applied Learning Activity #19 (Due 11/22) Applied Learning Activity #20 (Due 11/22)
Thu	11/26		University Closed - No Class	
Thu	12/3	Chapter 12 Chapter 13 Chapter 12 Research Roundtable Article	Student Mental Health and Exceptionalities	Ch. 12 Research Roundtable (Due 12/3) Integrated Chapter Analysis (Ch. 12 & 13) (Due 12/3) Final Exam (Due 12/6)
Thu	12/10	Finals Week	Literature Review Presentations	Literature Review Paper and Presentations (Due 12/10)

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