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General Syllabus

PSYC 21003 Developmental Psychology: A Life Span

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Prerequisite(s): PSYC 11003 General Psychology

Prerequisite or Corequisite: ENGL 10203 Composition II or ENGL 14343

Honors Composition or ENGL 24603 Introduction to Writing Studies

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Comprehensive view of the individual at each stage of growth. Biological, cognitive, social and emotional aspects of growth from conception through geriatrics. (ACTS: PSYC 2103)

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Explain the processes which contribute to the growth and development of the individual;
2. Understand how development is the result of interaction between biological characteristics and specific environmental experiences;
3. Identify theories and research in the field of developmental psychology; and
4. Analyze and synthesize what is learned in order to utilize the information in an applied setting.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate effectively with a variety of audiences in any setting.

Analytical Skills**Critical Thinking Skills**

Students will draw conclusions and solve problems.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Traditional and contemporary development theories (physical, moral, emotional, social, cognitive, etc.).