

SYLLABUS

Text: K.W. Fischer and D.A. Lazerson, Human development: From conception through adolescence

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The course will provide students with a basic knowledge of child development from conception to adolescence. In addition, the course will present various theoretical views on different areas of development.

The course is divided into four sections with a noncumulative test at the end of each of the first three sections. These three tests will consist of approximately 50 objective questions with half of the questions taken from the readings and half from the lectures. The final will be comprehensive and consist of approximately 150 objective questions. Fifty of the questions will be concerned with material from the final section of the class and the remaining questions will cover the material presented earlier in the quarter.

You may receive up to 10 extra points during the term. To receive extra credit, you have two options. First, you may volunteer to be a participant in a psychology experiment. You will receive two extra points for every hour of participation. The second alternative is to write short papers which summarize and respond to research articles mentioned in class. The extra credit papers should be 2-3 pages long (typed, double-spaced). The papers are due on the day of the third test. Your papers will be marked either "acceptable" or "unacceptable," you may rewrite the paper and turn it in before the last day of class. Each paper is worth five extra points.

Course Outline

- Section I: Introduction, Theories, Conception and Prenatal Development. Read Chapters 1, 2, and 3. Test will be April 26.
- Section II: Infancy: physical, cognitive and personality development. Read Chapters 4, 5, and 6. Test will be May 9.
- Section III: Preschool Development. Read Chapters 7 and 8. Test will be May 28.
- Section IV: Middle childhood: Cognitive and social development. Read Chapters 9 and 10. This material will be covered on the final exam.