

Syllabus

Text: E. Hall, et., al., Child Psychology Today, 1982.

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Date	Topic	Readings
1/10	Developmental theories and Research	Ch. 1 & 2
1/15	Prenatal Development	3 & 4
1/22	The Neonate	5 & 6
	EXAM I on 1/24	
1/29	Development of the Brain, Language	Ch. 7 & 8
2/5	Sensation and Perception	9 & 10
2/12	Memory	11
	EXAM II on 2/12	
2/14	Thought	Ch. 12
2/19	Intelligence, Attachment	13 & 14
2/26	Family, Peers	15 & 16
	EXAM III on 2/28	
3/5	Sex Roles, Morality	Ch. 17 & 18
3/12	Social Cognition, Life Span	19
	FINAL EXAM on	

Exams: There will be three midterm exams and a final exam, as scheduled above. The exams will consist of 60 multiple choice questions. The final exam will be comprehensive.

Grading: Your final grade in this class will be determined on the basis of two midterm exams and the final exam. If you take all three midterms, your lowest score will be dropped in computing your final grade. Because of this policy of dropping one midterm, NO MAKEUP EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN! It is in your best interest to take all three midterms, because there may be a shift in the distribution (one exam may be easier), and because you will be tested on the material on the final anyway. The final exam is required of everyone!

Discussion Section: There are no required discussion sections for this class. However, there will be regularly scheduled voluntary question-and-answer sessions that you may attend. At these sections, you may ask questions about the readings and/or lectures, review for exams, and learn about the extra-credit laboratories (see below).

Extra Credit: You may earn up to 9 extra credit points in this class. There are two ways you can do this:

- (1) Participation in research experiments. You may earn three points for each time you participate as a subject in a psychology experiment. In order to get credit, you must obtain a signed form from the experimenter of the study you participate in and return it to the teaching assistant. Experiments will be announced in class, or you may sign up at the psychology department.
- (2) Mini-laboratories. You may also earn three points for each lab write-up that you do. These are very short mini-experiments and observations that you may do which pertain to what you have been learning about in class.

See the separate handout for a short description of these labs.

NOTE that you must plan ahead to do these labs--none will be accepted after February 28th. Your nine points may be earned in any combination of activities, e.g., two lab write-ups and one research participation, etc.