

B. Fagot
Spring 92

Psychology 375
Child Development

This course will explore the cognitive and social development of children from infancy through adolescence. We will examine research studies and applied work in the field. Prenatal influences will be explored as well as the effects of different family and cultural systems. This course replaces the course Psychology 215: Developmental Psychology and Psychology 311: Child Psychology.. Do not take Psych. 375 if you have had Psychology 215, 311 or a similar course.

Text: Child Psychology: The Modern Science. By Ross Vasta, Marshall Haith, and Scott Miller. John Wiley Press. 1992

Date	Topic	Readings
3/31	Introduction, methods, ethics	Chaps. 1,3
4/2	Theories of Child Development	Chap 2
4/7	The nature vs nurture controversy	Chap. 4
4/9	Prenatal Development	Chap. 5
4/14 and 4-16	Environmental influences on Early Development	Chap 6
4/21	In class Essay - 30 minutes (material from 3/31-4/16)	
4/21	Perceptual Development (40 minutes)	Chap. 7
4/23	Language Development	Chap. 11
4/28	Language Development	
4/30	First Multiple Choice Covers material from 3/31-4/28	
5/5	Intelligence	Chap. 10
5/7	Cognitive Development	Chaps. 8,9
5/12	Beginnings of Social Development	Chap. 12 (pp 405-431)
5/14	In Class Essay 30 minutes (Material from 4/21-5/12)	
5/14	Family Influences (40 Minutes)	Chap. 12 (pp 432-437)
5/19	Family Influences and Moral Development	Chap. 13
5/21	Self Concept	Chap. 14
5/26	Second Midterm -Multiple Choice (Covers material from 5/5-5/21)	
5/28	Sex-Role Development	Chap. 15
6/2-6/4	Peer Relations	Chap. 16
6/12	Final Exam - 2 Hour Multiple Choice	

8 A.M. Friday of Finals Week
Covers all material in course

Grading - There will be two midterms, two in-class essays and a final. Each midterm is worth 20 %, each in-class essay is worth 10%, and the final is worth 40% of your grade. Make-ups for excused absences only. The exam must be taken within one week of the missed exam. All make-ups will be essay exams. There will be no early final exams. Do not even ask.

Discussion Groups. - There will be voluntary help sessions prior to each exam. The GTF will go over test taking skills as well as review of material.

Participation in Experiments: You may earn extra credit for participation in experiments. A second handout will explain the process.

Office Hours

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Mondays 8:30 to 10:30 and
Tuesdays 9:45- 11: 45.