

CHLD 10 Course Outline as of Fall 2019**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: CHLD 10 Title: CHILD GROWTH/DEVELOPMENT

Full Title: Child Growth and Development

Last Reviewed: 11/24/2025

Units	Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks		Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	6	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: CHLD 10

Catalog Description:

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Eligibility for ENGL 1A or equivalent

Limits on Enrollment:**Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	D	Social and Behavioral Sciences	Fall 2025	
	L4	Social and Behavioral Sciences		
	L8	Student Success and Wellness		
	D	Social and Behavioral Sciences	Fall 1981	Fall 2025
CSU GE:	Transfer Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	D	Social Science	Fall 2005	
	D7	Interdisc Social or Behavioral Science		
	D9	Psychology		
	E	Lifelong Learning and Self Development		
	D	Social Science	Fall 1990	Fall 2005
	D1	Anthropology and Archeology		
	D4	Gender Studies		
	D7	Interdisc Social or Behavioral Science		
	D9	Psychology		
IGETC:	Transfer Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	4	Social and Behavioral Science	Fall 1992	
	4I	Psychology		

CSU Transfer: Transferable Effective: Fall 1981 Inactive: Fall 2027

UC Transfer: Transferable Effective: Fall 1981 Inactive:

CID:

CID Descriptor: CDEV 100 Child Growth and Development

SRJC Equivalent Course(s): CDEVC1000

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Describe major developmental milestones for children from conception through adolescence in the areas of biosocial, psychosocial, and cognitive development.

2. Examine the multiple influences affecting children's development.
3. Compare and contrast various theoretical frameworks that relate to the study of child development.
4. Apply developmental theory to analyze child observations, surveys, and/or interviews.

Objectives:

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Describe characteristics of the biosocial, psychosocial, and cognitive development of children, both typical and atypical, from conception through adolescence.
2. Explain various theories of development and methods of research relevant to understanding children's growth.
3. Demonstrate objective techniques and skills for observing, describing, and evaluating developmental characteristics and behaviors in children.
4. Describe the impact of genetic and environmental interaction on the developing child, including the significance to early brain development.
5. Describe brain structure, function, and development from the pre-natal period through adolescence.
6. Describe and explain the role of play and its relationship to development at various stages.
7. Articulate, using current research, the importance of social-emotional development as the foundation for other domains of development, including factors that influence the development of self-esteem in children of all ages.
8. Discuss current research findings as they apply to child development.
9. Identify developmentally appropriate practices at different stages of childhood.
10. Examine and evaluate the role of societal influences including culture, family, gender, school, peers, community, and media on children's development.
11. Identify and describe influences that place children and youth at risk and may adversely influence development.

Topics and Scope:

I. Fundamentals of Child Development

- A. Domains of development
- B. Theories/theorists of development
 1. Psychoanalytic (Freud and Erikson)
 2. Behaviorism
 3. Cognitive (Piaget)
 4. Sociocultural (Vygotsky)
 5. Epigenetic (Bronfenbrenner)
 6. Universal Perspective: Humanism and Evolutionary Theory (Maslow and Rogers)
- C. Controversial issues in the study of development
- D. Research methodology in child development including observational skills
- E. Holistic, integrated approach to the study of development
- F. Cultural influences on development, including the role of the family/caregivers
- G. Special needs that impact development

II. Prenatal Development and Birth

- A. Conception
- B. Heredity, genetics and environment
- C. Birthing practices

III. Infants and Toddlers

- A. Biosocial development
- B. Cognitive development
- C. Psychosocial development

- D. Brain development
 - E. Language acquisition
 - F. Attachment
 - G. Temperament
 - H. Infant/toddler care giving practices
 - I. Safe and appropriate environments that support development
- IV. The Preschool Child
- A. Biosocial development
 - B. Cognitive development
 - C. Psychosocial development
 - D. Brain development
 - E. Language acquisition and development, including dual language learning
 - F. Emotional regulation
 - G. Prosocial and antisocial behavior including moral development
 - H. Parenting patterns
 - I. Early learning environments
 - J. The importance of play
- V. The School Age Child
- A. Biosocial development
 - B. Cognitive development
 - C. Psychosocial development
 - D. Peer group as a developmental influence
 - E. Moral development
 - F. Learning environments, including the role of adults
 - G. Obstacles to learning (ADD [attention deficit disorder], autism, learning disabilities)
- VI. The Adolescent
- A. Biosocial development
 - B. Cognitive development
 - C. Psychosocial development
 - D. Peer group as a developmental influence
 - E. Brain development
 - F. Decision making and risk taking
 - G. Schools, learning, and the adolescent mind
 - H. Quest for identity
 - I. Parent-adolescent relationship
 - J. Issues in adolescence: substance use/abuse, sexuality, teen pregnancy, eating disorders, criminal activity, depression and self-harm
- VII. Child Maltreatment as a Developmental Influence

Assignment:

1. Reading and discussion of assigned text and handouts (approximately 30 pages per week)
2. Observation, recording and written analysis of children's skills and behaviors, both typical and atypical, using appropriate observational technique and developmental terminology (3 - 5 observations of approximately 2-5 pages)
3. Written essays for the purpose of utilizing research skills, and expanding knowledge of course content; may include interviews with children and parents (approximately 2-4 essays of 3 to 5 pages)
4. Exams on readings, terminology, presentations, and lectures (approximately 2 - 5 exams)
5. Other assignments, such as:
 - a. Group research project and/or oral presentation of findings on selected topics in development

- b. Term project (case study or other in-depth study using observation, research, and application of developmental theory and terminology)

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Essays; written analysis of observations

Writing
35 - 50%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None

Problem solving
0 - 0%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Written analysis of observation of children at various stages

Skill Demonstrations
5 - 15%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Exams: multiple choice, true/false, fill in, short answer, essays

Exams
30 - 50%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Class attendance; participation; and/or other assignments

Other Category
10 - 20%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

The Developing Person Through Childhood and Adolescence. 11th ed. Berger, Kathleen. Worth Publishers. 2018

Children. 13th ed. Santrock, John. McGraw-Hill. 2015

Instructor prepared materials