

PSYCH 8 Course Outline as of Fall 2015**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: PSYCH 8 Title: INTRO/LIFESPAN PSYCH

Full Title: Introduction to Lifespan Psychology

Last Reviewed: 12/9/2019

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 Only

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

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:**Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 1A or equivalent

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

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 Limits on Enrollment:
 Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.
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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	D	Social and Behavioral Sciences	Fall 2015	
CSU GE:	Transfer Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	D	Social Science	Fall 2015	
	D9	Psychology		
	E	Lifelong Learning and Self Development		
IGETC:	Transfer Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	4	Social and Behavioral Science	Fall 2015	
	4I	Psychology		
CSU Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 2015	Inactive:
UC Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 2015	Inactive:
CID:				
CID Descriptor:	PSY 180	Introduction to Lifespan Psychology		
SRJC Equivalent Course(s):		PSYCH8		

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Outcomes and Objectives:

1. Contrast and compare developmental theories and approaches, including how different theoretical perspectives affect or determine the research and applications that arise from them.
2. Analyze elements of a scientific approach to understanding human development in a biopsychosocial context.
3. Identify biological, psychological, and sociocultural influences on lifespan development.
4. Describe the ways in which psychological principles and research apply to real world problems and issues across the lifespan.
5. Describe the sequences of physical, social, and cognitive development across the lifespan, using the constructs and conceptual framework provided by psychological perspectives.
6. Identify and describe the techniques and methods used by developmental psychologists to study human development.
7. Identify and describe classic and contemporary theories and research in lifespan psychology.
8. Describe the developing person at different periods of the lifespan.
9. Identify possible causes or sources of developmental change and reasons for disturbances in the developmental process.

Topics and Scope:

1. Introduction to Human Development

- A. Definitions and controversies in the field (traditional verses lifespan, continuous verses discontinuous, nature verses nurture)
- B. The scientific method
- C. Approaches to studying change over time
- 2. Developmental Theories
 - A. Psychodynamic theories
 - B. Learning theories
 - C. Contextual theories (e.g., sociocultural)
 - D. Cognitive theories
 - E. Humanistic theories
- 3. Genetics
 - A. Genes, chromosomes and genetic transmission
 - B. Genetic and chromosomal disorders
- 4. Prenatal Development and Birth
 - A. Stages of prenatal development and birth (labor)
 - B. Effects of the environment on prenatal development
 - C. Neonatal testing and competencies
- 5. Physical, cognitive, and psychosocial development during infancy, early childhood, middle childhood, adolescence, early adulthood, middle adulthood, and late adulthood
- 6. Dying and Death
 - A. Socioemotional aspects of dying
 - B. Grief and loss
 - C. Social aspects of death

Assignment:

- 1. Read approximately 25-35 pages per week and recapitulate assigned material in the textbook and supplements.
- 2. Term, interview, or research paper (1250 words); journal writing, portfolio, or projects may be used for the purpose of learning research skills, enhancing course knowledge and improving writing skills.
- 3. Oral presentations and/or group projects may be assigned.
- 4. 2-3 exams, final exam and/or project.

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.

Written homework, term, interview, or research paper; journals. A minimum of 1,250 words for the course.

Writing
10 - 25%

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.

None

Skill Demonstrations
0 - 0%

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

Multiple choice, true/false, fill-in, short answer, essay

Exams
75 - 90%

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

Oral presentations, group projects

Other Category
0 - 10%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

The Developing Person Through the Life Span, 8th Edition. Berger, K. Worth: 2011

Development Through the Lifespan, 6th Edition. Berk. Pearson Publishers: 2013

Lifespan Development, 6th Edition. Boyd and Bee. Pearson: 2012

Lifespan Development, 13th Edition. Santrock, John W. McGraw-Hill: 2011