

Effective Date: Spring 2009

Course Outline

COURSE PREFIX and NUMBER: PSY 230

CREDIT HOURS: 3

COURSE TITLE: Developmental Psychology

PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITES:

English placement recommendation for ENG 111 and satisfactory completion of ENG 4 if required by reading placement test. Prerequisite or corequisite: ENG 5 and or ENG 107 if recommended by reading placement test.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Studies the development of the individual from conception to death. Follows a life-span perspective on the developmental tasks of the person's physical, cognitive, and psycho-social growth. Prerequisite: English placement recommendation for ENG 111 and satisfactory completion of ENG 4 if required by reading placement test. Prerequisite or corequisite: ENG 5 and or ENG 107 if recommended by reading placement test. Lecture 3 hours per week.

CONTENT:

- A. History and theories of life-span development
- B. Prenatal development
- C. Development in infancy and toddler hood
- D. Early childhood development
- E. Middle childhood development
- F. Adolescence
- G. Early adulthood
- H. Middle adulthood
- I. Late adulthood
- J. Death and dying

GENERAL COURSE OBJECTIVES: upon the successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- A. Demonstrate an understanding of the biological, cognitive, personality, social foundations of behavior and mental processes.
- B. Comprehend the key concepts of research and statistics, nature versus nurture as well as biological, cognitive, personality, and social development.
- C. Illustrate both orally and in writing the ages, stages, and processes of aging in life-span development.
- D. Demonstrate an understanding and application of how development influences social, emotional and personality changes.
- E. Compare multi-cultural and ethnic differences and similarities found in various cultures.
- F. Apply basic concepts, theories, and issues to their own life, as well as to others.
- G. Determine whether certain conclusions or consequences are supported by the information provided.