Course Profile - Department of Psychology

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Course Number: PSY 232	Course Title: Developmental Psychology
Required / Elective: Required	Pre / Co-requisites: -
Catalog Description:	Textbook / Required Material:
This course covers the major theories of child development and the milestones of physical,	Berk, L. E. (2009). Child Development, 8th Edition. Boston, MA: Pearson.
socio-emotional, and cognitive development from the prenatal period through adolescence.	D. Boyd and H. Bee (2012). <i>The Developing Child</i> . 13 th Edition. Boston: Pearson.

Course Structure / Schedule: (3+0+0) 3 / 5 ECTS

Extended Description:

This course covers the major theories of child development and the milestones of physical, socio-emotional, and cognitive development from the prenatal period through adolescence.

Design content: None	Computer usage: Not required

Course Outcomes:

Upon completion of the course, students will:

- (1) be familiar with the major milestones of development from the prenatal period through adolescence,
- (2) be able to think critically about the various theories and accounts proposed to explain developmental change,
- (3) be able to better understand the effects of a variety of environmental influences on development (e.g., family, school, daycare, media, early intervention),
- (4) develop an appreciation of the relationship among all aspects of human development and of the importance of early experience for later growth and functioning.

Teaching methods: Lecture with slides, class discussions

Course Outline

Week	Topics		
1	Introduction to course		
2	History, Theory, and Applied Directions		
3	Research Strategies		
4	Biological Foundations, Prenatal Development, and Birth		
5	Infancy: Early learning, Motor Skills, and Perceptual Capacities		
6	Physical Growth		
7	Cognitive Development: Piagetian, Core Knowledge, and Vygotskian		
	Perspectives		

8	Midterm		
9	Cognitive Development: An Information-Processing Perspective		
10	Intelligence		
11	Language Development		
12	Emotional Development		
13	Self and Social Understanding		
14	Moral Development		
15	Development of Sex Differences and Gender Roles		
16	Final Exam		

Assessment methods:

Participation: 5 %

Written Assignment: 15 %

Weekly Quizzes: 20% Mid-Term Exam: 25%

Final Exam: 35%

Contribution of Course Learning Outcomes to Program Outcomes

	Program Outcomes		*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5	
1	Examine different concepts in the sub-areas of psychology.				X		
2	Describe and explain the differences between common sense, religion, art, philosophy and science			x			
3	Learn about the major schools in psychology's history and the current developments					X	
4	Apply analytical and critical thinking skills to selected topics					X	
5	Discuss and criticize ethical issues in psychology research					X	
6	Describe the procedures and principles of psychological measurement and interview techniques				X		
7	Apply the principles and skills of positivistic methodology within a simple empirical study					X	
8	Design and implement a simple action research and an empowerment program						
9	Analyze the coded data by statistical techniques	X					
10	Use communication skills in class presentations				X		
11	Function effectively in multidisciplinary research teams						
12	Develop respect to interpersonal and cultural diversity					X	

13 Develop self awareness			X	
Student workload:				
Reading	56 hrs			
Lectures	33 hrs			
Class discussion	5 hrs			
Written assignments	25 hrs			
Examinations	6 hrs			
TOTAL	125 hrs (25x5) 5 ECTS			

Course Category:

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ISCED General Area Codes	General Ares	ISCED Basic Area Codes	Basic Educational Areas	Percentage
1	Education	14	Teacher Training and Educational Sciences	
2	Humanities and Art	21	Art	
2	Humanities and Art	22	Humanities	
3	Social Sciences, Management and Law	31	Social and Behavioral Sciences	100
3	Social Sciences, Management and Law	32	Journalism and Informatics	
3	Social Sciences, Management and Law	38	Law	
4	Science	42	Life Sciences	
4	Science	44	Natural Sciences	
4	Science	46	Mathematics and Statistics	
4	Science	48	Computer	
5	Engineering, Manufacturing and Civil	52	Engineering	
5	Engineering, Manufacturing and Civil	54	Manufacturing and Processing	
5	Engineering, Manufacturing and Civil	58	Architecture and Structure	

6	Agriculture	62	Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock, Fishery
6	Agriculture	64	Veterinary
7	Medicine and Welfare	72	Medical
7	Medicine and Welfare	76	Social Services
8	Service	81	Personal Services
8	Service	84	Transport Services
8	Service	85	Environment Protection
8	Service	86	Security Services

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