Psy322 51E Lifespan Development
COURSE SYLLABUS: Spring 2020

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

Instructor: Qingwei Wang, Ph.D.

Class Time and Location: Wednesday 4:30PM – 7:10 PM in CHEC
Office Hours: by email

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Preferred Form of Communication: The primary means of communicating with the instructor during the course will be to exchange emails.

Communication Response Time: I typically answer emails within 24 hours, however, please allow 24 to 48 hours for a reply.

COURSE INFORMATION

Required Text and Readings*:*

Textbook Required: Santrock, J. (2020). *Essentials of Life-Span Development* (6th ed). ISBN: 978-1-260-05430-9, NY: McGraw-Hill Education.

D2L: Course materials, including an electronic version of the syllabus and supplementary information, will be posted on D2L.

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Course Description

Understanding Human Development is a developmental psychology course that examines the changes, both growth and decline, across the human lifespan from conception to death. It includes physical, cognitive, and socioemotional changes that help to shape our lives. Topics include the importance of the prenatal environment on development, formation of language, self-esteem and identity, romantic relationships, retirement, and dying.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course the students will be able to:

1. Understand the physical, cognitive, and socioemotional changes that occur across the eight major stages of development – prenatal, infancy, early childhood, mid-late childhood, adolescence, early adulthood, middle adulthood, and late adulthood
2. Recognize the importance of lifespan development research along with understanding how this research is conducted, including research methodology and ethical issues
3. Identify the impact of culture and diversity on development
4. Further develop communication skills to discuss and critique psychological research
5. Relate knowledge learned in this course about human development to the real world

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed:
You should be comfortable with the following:
Using a word processor (changing font, spell check, formatting, etc.)
Using email for communication
Sending an email attachment
Navigating the internet
Using an internet search engine

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Using the learning management system (eCollege)
Using Microsoft Word and Power Point

Instructional Methods

Primarily via lecture, with supplemental material that will be provided via D2L.

Attendance Policy

All other things being equal, you will perform better in this course if you come to class regularly. If you have excessive absences (either excused or unexcused), it will be hard for you to avoid getting a grade of "F" in this class. I will check the roll, and I will perhaps let you know if I believe your absences are excessive. Still, it is ultimately your call, and if you get an "F" it will be based on your grades.

Attending for only one-half of a class on a given day is better than not attending at all. If you need to either arrive late or depart early, please do so unobtrusively with a minimum of disruption.

Students who have zero absences will receive a 5 point bonus at the end of the semester.

GRADING

Method of Evaluation

This class will include four exams, five quizzes, and one research paper.

Exams: There will be four exams (each worth 100 points) during the semester. All the exams will consist of multiple-choice questions and cover the designated textbook chapters.

Quizzes: There will be five quizzes (each worth 20 points) during the semester. The quizzes will cover all the materials discussed in the class.

Research Paper*:* Another major graded assignment for the course is a research paper (100 points). The purpose of this assignment is to enhance critical thinking skills as well as appreciation for the various areas of developmental psychology. The detailed requirements for the research paper will be provided later in class and posted on D2L.

All written assignments must be typed and submitted as a word document (not notepad, PDF, etc.) unless otherwise instructed. Students are expected to turn in quality work, i.e., meets course requirements, grammatically correct and free of spelling errors.

Group work and Participation: Students are encouraged to actively participate in classroom discussion. Students will be provided team work opportunities throughout the semester.

Extra Credit: There are a couple of opportunities to earn extra credits toward the final grade in addition to full attendance. These extra credits are determined at the discretion of the instructor.

Late Work:
Late work (including exams) will not be accepted without a verifiable excuse. Regardless of the reason, points will be deducted on all late work.

Research Exposure

Participating in research studies contributes to students and faculty at A&M - Commerce, your understanding of how research is conducted, and human knowledge in general. For this course, participating in research will be extra credit. You will have the opportunity to earn up to 20 points depending on the amount of research you participate in. Each credit hour of research will be worth 5 extra credit points that will be added to your total pool of points. So, for example, if you participate in 4 credit hours of research, you will earn the full 20 extra points. For more information, please visit D2L and download the extra credit research participation documents once available.

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

Grading:

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Exam #1	100 points
Exam #2	100 points
Exam #3	100 points
Exam #4	100 points
Research Paper	100 points
Quizzes	20x5= 100 points
Total	600 points

A = 600 - 540
B = 539 - 480
C = 479 - 420
D = 419 - 360
F = <360

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

This is an on-line course. The following basic technological resources are required:
Internet access (high speed preferred)
Word Processing software (Microsoft Word preferred)
A myLeo email account

Browser support

D2L is committed to performing key application testing when new browser versions are released. New and updated functionality is also tested against the latest version of supported browsers. However, due to the frequency of some browser releases, D2L cannot guarantee that each browser version will perform as expected. If you encounter any issues with any of the browser versions listed in the tables below, contact D2L Support, who will determine the best course of action for resolution. Reported issues are prioritized by supported browsers and then maintenance browsers.

Supported browsers are the latest or most recent browser versions that are tested against new versions of D2L products. Customers can report problems and receive support for issues. For an optimal experience, D2L recommends using supported browsers with D2L products.

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Maintenance browsers are older browser versions that are not tested extensively against new versions of D2L products. Customers can still report problems and receive support for critical issues; however, D2L does not guarantee all issues will be addressed. A maintenance browser becomes officially unsupported after one year.

Note the following:

- Ensure that your browser has JavaScript and Cookies enabled.
- For desktop systems, you must have Adobe Flash Player 10.1 or greater.
- The Brightspace Support features are now optimized for production environments when using the Google Chrome browser, Apple Safari browser, Microsoft Edge browser, Microsoft Internet Explorer browser, and Mozilla Firefox browsers.

Desktop Support

Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)	Maintenance Browser Version(s)
Microsoft® Edge	Latest	N/A
Microsoft® Internet Explorer®	N/A	11
Mozilla® Firefox®	Latest, ESR	N/A
Google® Chrome™	Latest	N/A
Apple® Safari®	Latest	N/A

Tablet and Mobile Support

Device	Operating System	Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)
Android™	Android 4.4+	Chrome	Latest
Apple	iOS®	Safari, Chrome	The current major version of iOS (the latest minor or **point** release of that major version) and the previous major version of iOS (the latest minor or **point** release of that major version). For example, as of

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Device	Operating System	Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)
			June 7, 2017, D2Lsupports iOS 10.3.2 and iOS 9.3.5, but not iOS 10.2.1, 9.0.2, or any other version. Chrome: Latest version for the iOS browser.
Windows	Windows 10	Edge, Chrome, Firefox	Latest of all browsers, and Firefox ESR.

- You will need regular access to a computer with a broadband Internet connection. The minimum computer requirements are:
  - 512 MB of RAM, 1 GB or more preferred
  - Broadband connection required courses are heavily video intensive
  - Video display capable of high-color 16-bit display 1024 x 768 or higher resolution

- You must have a:
  - Sound card, which is usually integrated into your desktop or laptop computer
  - Speakers or headphones.
  - *For courses utilizing video-conferencing tools and/or an online proctoring solution, a webcam and microphone are required.

- Both versions of Java (32 bit and 64 bit) must be installed and up to date on your machine. At a minimum Java 7, update 51, is required to support the learning management system. The most current version of Java can be downloaded at: JAVA web site http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp

- Current anti-virus software must be installed and kept up to date.
Running the browser check will ensure your internet browser is supported.
  Pop-ups are allowed.
  JavaScript is enabled.
  Cookies are enabled.

- You will need some additional free software (plug-ins) for enhanced web browsing. Ensure that you download the free versions of the following software:
  - Adobe Reader https://get.adobe.com/reader/
  - Adobe Flash Player *(version 17 or later)* https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/
  - Adobe Shockwave Player https://get.adobe.com/shockwave/
  - Apple Quick Time http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/

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- At a minimum, you must have Microsoft Office 2013, 2010, 2007 or Open Office. Microsoft Office is the standard office productivity software utilized by faculty, students, and staff. Microsoft Word is the standard word processing software, Microsoft Excel is the standard spreadsheet software, and Microsoft PowerPoint is the standard presentation software. Copying and pasting, along with attaching/uploading documents for assignment submission, will also be required. If you do not have Microsoft Office, you can check with the bookstore to see if they have any student copies.

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Interaction with Instructor: Please feel welcome to contact me by email (qingwei.wang@tamuc.edu). All email should receive a response within 48 hours. If you have not received a response then assume your email did not go through and please try again to make contact. All email should include student's last name, first name, course name and brief description of the reason for contact.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778 or click on the **Live Chat** or click on the words "click here" to submit an issue via email.

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System Maintenance

D2L runs monthly updates during the last week of the month, usually on Wednesday. The system should remain up during this time unless otherwise specified in an announcement. You may experience minimal impacts to performance and/or look and feel of the environment.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Student Conduct and Respect:

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See Code of Student Conduct from Student Guide Handbook). The classroom is a scholarly environment and students are expected to behave accordingly. Expressions of ideas, thoughts, opinions, etc are encouraged, but have to be done in a scholarly and respectful manner. Email your instructor whenever you have any problems or concerns regarding this course. Your feedback (both positive and negative) is more than welcome. We should strive to respect and value the diversity that exists in TAMUC classrooms (e.g., age, gender, ethnicity, national origin, disability, geographic, backgrounds, political orientation, sexual orientation).

Academic Honesty:
Scholastic dishonesty may involve, but is not limited to, one or more of the following acts: cheating, plagiarism, collusion, use of annotated texts or teacher's editions.

Plagiarism is the use of an author's words or ideas as if they were one's own without giving credit to the source, including, but not limited to, failure to acknowledge a direct quotation.

Cheating is the willful giving or receiving of information in an unauthorized manner during an examination, illicitly obtaining examination questions in advance, copying computer or Internet files, using someone else's work for the assignments as if it were one's own, or any other dishonest means of attempting to fulfill the requirements of a course.

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Collusion is intentionally aiding or attempting to aid another in an act of scholastic dishonesty, including but not limited to, providing a paper or project to another student; providing an inappropriate level of assistance; communicating answers to a classmate during an examination; removing tests or answer sheets from a test site, and allowing a classmate to copy answers.

Academic dishonesty could result in a "zero" grade on the particular assignment or test.

Withdrawing from/dropping Psy322:

Students are responsible for following University procedures to drop a class. If you stop participating in the class for any reason, you must initiate the process of dropping, or you will receive a failing grade. DO NOT wait until the last minute to drop the class. Plan to take care of this several days ahead of time, so that you will have the time required to get the forms signed, submitted, etc.

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook.
http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: Netiquette http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the Attendance webpage and Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01.

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http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx

http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03

http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf

Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10

http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf

ADA Statement

Students with Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce
Gee Library- Room 162
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or

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veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:
http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Course Calendar/Outline (The syllabus/schedule are subject to change)

Week	Date	Topic	Notes
1	01/13 – 01/17	Syllabus/Introduction/ Chapter 1	
2	01/20 - 01/24	Chapter 1&2	
3	01/27 - 01/31	Chapter 2&3	
4	02/03- 02/07	Chapter 3 & 4	
5	02/10 – 02/14	Chapter 5 & Exam 1	Exam 1 covers Chapter 1, 2, 3, 4
6	02/17 - 02/21	Chapter 6& 7	
7	02/24 – 02/28	Chapter 7 & 8	

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8	03/02 – 03/06	Chapter 9 & Exam 2	Exam 2 covers Chapter 5, 6, 7, 8
	03/09- 03/13		Spring Break/No Class
9	03/16- 03/20	Chapter 10 &11	
10	03/23 – 03/27	Chapter 11&12	Research Paper Topics
11	03/30 – 04/03	Chapter 13 & Exam 3	Exam 3 covers Chapter 9, 10, 11, 12
12	04/06– 04/10	Chapter 14 & 15	
13	04/13 – 04/17	Chapter 15 & 16	
14	04/20 – 04/24	Chapter 16 &17	Research Paper Due by 11:59PM on 04/26 (D2L)
15	04/27 – 05/01	Chapter 17 & Course Wrap up	
16	05/04-05/08	Final Week	Exam 4 covers Chapter 13,14, 15, 16, 17

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