Contact Information
Phone: 678-839-0602
Email: All email correspondence for this class will be done through our Course Den site.

Communication

I will have a 24 hour turn around policy for all course related questions. If you would like to speak by phone, please let me know and we can set up a time to talk by phone.

Required Text


Course Description

This course provides you with an overview of the central theories of human development; these theories then provide a lens through which we address major milestones of development across the lifespan. The course places a specific focus on how gender, family systems, environment, culture, social and historical systems impact development.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course you will be able to:

1. Identify major theoretical and cross-cultural perspectives in development psychology;
2. Apply theoretical perspectives to an understanding of critical life span development milestones.
3. Use life span development theories and tools to understand your own development.
4. Understand the way in which large systems (i.e. political, economic, cultural) impact life-span development.
5. Articulate the major developmental challenges of our day.
6. Use developmental theory and practice to craft responses to these challenges.

Additional Course Information

All Students Please Note: For important policy information, i.e., the UWG Honor Code, Email, and Credit Hour policies, as well as information on Academic Support and Online Courses, please review the information found in the Common Language for Course Syllabi documentation at http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/vpaa/Common_Language_for_Course_Syllabi.pdf. Additions and updates are made as institution, state, and federal standards change, so please review it each semester.
Course Calendar with Due Dates

I have posted a course calendar that indicates the due dates for each of the Discussion Questions and Tests. The calendar is posted in a folder entitled Course Calendar.

Course Requirements

1. Discussion Questions. There are three discussion questions (DQs) due this session. These discussion questions are posted in a folder marked Discussion Questions. The due dates for your DQ responses are indicated below and are also listed on our course calendar. Each discussion question is worth 25 points. To get full credit for your DQ you must: answer the question(s) thoroughly; draw clearly from the information presented in your textbook; write in full and grammatically correct sentences; proofread your paper so that it is free from typos. I DO NOT ACCEPT LATE ASSIGNMENTS.

2. Tests: There are three tests throughout our semester; the dates for these tests, as well as the chapters covered, are listed below and also posted on our course calendar. The tests will be multiple choice and you will have two hours to complete each test. EACH TEST WILL BE POSTED BY 9 AM ON THE DAY LISTED AND WILL CLOSE ON MIDNIGHT OF THE SAME DAY. Each test is worth 33 points.

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Course Schedule

May 8       Read Syllabus
Read Chapter 1: A Cultural Approach to Human Development

May 11      Read Chapter 2: Genetics and Prenatal Development

May 12      Read Chapter 3: Birth and the Newborn Child

May 13      Read Chapter 4: Infancy
DQ1 Due Via Dropbox

May 14      Chapter 5: Toddlerhood
TEST ONE ON CHAPTERS 1-5

May 15      Read Chapter 6: Toddlerhood

May 18      Read Chapter 7: Early childhood
DQ2 Due Via Dropbox

May 19      Read Chapter 8: Middle Childhood

May 20      Read Chapter 9: Adolescence

May 21      Read Chapter 10: Emerging Adulthood
TEST TWO ON CHAPTERS 6-10
May 22  Read Chapter 11: Middle Adulthood
May 25  Read Chapter 12: Late Adulthood
        DQ3 Due Via Dropbox
May 26  Read Chapter 13: Death and After life Beliefs
        TEST THREE ON CHAPTERS 11-13

TECHNICAL RESOURCES

Below is some information to help you as you move through this semester. If you have never taken an
on-line course, you will definitely want to make use of these resources. I am not available to you for
technical support and will always refer you to these resources for any technical questions or challenges
you might have.

1. There is 24/7 assistance available, 365 days a year. Search here for FAQs and tutorials:
   http://help8.view.usg.edu or call 1-866-588-5293 toll free. Our campus Distance Education
   helpline is also available M-F: distance@westga.edu/678-839-6248

2. Write down this URL: http://westga.view.usg.edu. You will need this URL if any of our related on-campus website or services (like my UWG) go down. You may be able to access CourseDen
directly by having this direct URL handy.