

Developmental Psychology
PSY 320 – Fall 2020

Time: 8:40-10:30 on Tuesday + offline lecture
Zoom link: <https://sabanciuniv.zoom.us/j/98061258724?pwd=MVlhWG9kVFg3cEvdUJrN3R0THFkQT09> (Meeting ID: 980 6125 8724; Password: 32020202)

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Course Overview

Developmental psychology investigates how humans change across the lifespan. This course will discuss physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development that occur across different phases of life and discuss how and why development takes place. Current issues in the field as well as how these issues are investigated will be discussed throughout the course.

Readings

- One or two articles or book chapters will be assigned most of the weeks. The readings will be available on SUCourse one week before the corresponding lecture. Students are expected to read the assigned text material before each lecture.
- Recommended Textbook: Siegler, R. S., Saffran, J., Eisenberg, N., DeLoache, J.S., Gershoff, E., & Leaper, C. (2017). *How Children Develop (Fifth Edition)*. Worth Publishers. ISBN: 1319014232

Grading

The course grades will be determined by allocating 35% to the midterm exam, 40% to the cumulative final exam, and 20% to a group presentation, and 5% to the recap quizzes. At the end of the semester, the letter grades will be assigned by using the following table.

A	90.00 – 100.00	C+	65.00 – 69.99
A-	85.00 – 89.99	C	60.00 – 64.99
B+	80.00 – 84.99	C-	55.00 – 59.99
B	75.00 – 79.99	D+	50.00 – 54.99
B-	70.00 – 74.99	D	45.00 – 49.99
		F	below 45.00

Exams. We will have a midterm exam (35% of the final grade) and a semi-cumulative final exam (40% of the final grade). Students will be tested on the material from lectures and assigned readings. There will be multiple-choice and short answer questions. The final exam will be semi-cumulative. The final exam covers the first half of the course (i.e., before the midterm exam), but some topics may be omitted (the instructor will be announcing these topics). You may take a make-up for a missed exam with an official medical excuse. To take a make-up, you must contact both the instructor and TA in one email **within three days**. In other words, if you miss an exam on Tuesday, you must contact us by the following Friday. More detailed instructions of the exams will be available when the date is closer.

Presentation. Students will do a 15-minute group presentation on one of the topics covered in the course (20% of the final grade). Groups will be determined after the add-drop period, based on the class size and availability. Students are expected to attend or watch presentations by other students. All presentations will be done using Zoom during the normal class hours (8:40-10:30 on Tuesday), but will be also recorded and uploaded on SUCourse.

Recap quizzes. Instead of taking attendance, we will have small recap quizzes throughout the semester (5% of the final grade). These quizzes are very simple, and you can easily answer them if you watch the corresponding lecture or student presentation. You will receive credit if and only if you answer the questions correctly. You will always have at least one day to complete the quiz. The recap quizzes account of 5% of your final grade. No late submission will be accepted.

Extra credit. As mentioned on the last page of this syllabus, students can participate in research studies to gain up to 3 bonus points. Some class activities may also count towards extra participation points. Students will receive extra points at the end of the semester for *regularly participating* in class activities and discussion.

Tentative Course Schedule

All lectures will be recorded and be available online on the dates specified below. The dates of the quizzes and midterm are tentative, but no meeting will ever be scheduled outside of our regular class hours (8:40-10:30 on Tuesday).

Week	Date	Lecture Topic and Test
1	October 6	Introduction to Developmental Psychology
2	October 13	Theories and Methods in Developmental Psychology
3	October 20	Prenatal Development and Birth
4	October 27	Infancy
5	November 3	Physical and Cognitive Development in Infancy
6	November 10	Socio-emotional Development in Infancy
7	November 17	Language Acquisition
8	November 24	MIDTERM
9	December 1	Physical and Cognitive Development in Early Childhood
10	December 8	Socio-emotional Development in Early Childhood
11	December 15	Physical and Cognitive Development in Middle Childhood
12	December 22	Socio-emotional Development in Middle Childhood
13	December 29	Adolescence
14	January 5	Context of Development + Review
	TBA	FINAL EXAM

Communication

For any questions or requests, please email both the instructor and TA in one email. The subject of your email should include the course code (PSY 320) and clearly indicate the content of your email (e.g., "Question about PSY 320 Midterm"). The main body of your email should include the names of the recipient (e.g., "Hello, Dr. Kanero") at the beginning and your full name at the end. The content of your email should be as succinct as possible. You can call the instructor "Hocam", "Dr. Kanero", "Professor Kanero" or even just "Junko," but please refrain from using Mr., Mrs., Miss, or Ms. because these titles are considered very inappropriate in academic settings, and you should never use them when you are talking to professors in English!

Extra Credit - Research Participation (up to 3 bonus points)

Students can optionally serve as participants in research conducted by Sabancı University researchers to earn bonus points. You will be able to sign up for experiments and earn your Research Participation Points through the online Sona system at <http://sabanciuniv.sona-systems.com>. The detail of the system can be found in *Research Points - GuideForStudents Spring 2020.pdf* on SUCourse.

For this course, you will be able to earn up to 6 Research Participation Points (1 point equals ~ 30 minutes of research participation). These 6 points will be converted to 3 bonus points added to your overall total at the end of the semester. In other words, you receive .5 bonus points for 1 Research Participation Point.

Research points can be still earned if online studies are available. There may be less or no research participation opportunities, but we do not plan to add other extra credit opportunities.

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to obey the Sabancı University Code of Academic Integrity.

<http://www.sabanciuniv.edu/en/academic-integrity-statement>

Scholastic dishonesty of any sort will not be tolerated. Cheating in any form is serious offenses and is considered to be in violation of the College's Academic Integrity Code. Cases of academic dishonesty will be reported and the student will be disciplined accordingly.