

**Date:** Spring 2006

**I. Course Name:** Developmental Psychology  
**Prefix and Number:** PSY 200  
**Credit Hours and Contact Hours:** 3 credit hours - 3 contact hours  
**Catalog description:**

A study of the development of human behavior throughout the life cycle with emphasis on the principles of physical, social, cognitive and personality development. Prerequisite: PSY 100.

**II. Course objectives and outcomes**

1. Students will become familiar with normative patterns of development, and examine the ways in which physical, social, emotional and intellectual development influences development in other domains.
2. Students will examine the developmental significance of major life events such as schooling, work experience, marriage and parenting.

**Relationship to academic programs and curriculum.**

PSY 200 Developmental Psychology fulfills the requirement of a social science elective. It is a requirement of the A.A.S. Nursing and A.A.S. Chemical Dependency degrees.

**III. Methods of Instruction:**

**Types of course materials:**

A college level textbook that may or may not be accompanied by supportive materials such as video observations of the behavior of children will be used in all classes. Students may be required to obtain a WebCt account for internet-based activities.

**Methods of instruction:**

Methods of instruction may include lecture, use of audiovisual materials, reading and writing assignments, direct observation of children, computer simulations and web-based activities.

**Methods of evaluation:**

Diverse methods of evaluation may be used, including quizzes, exams in essay, multiple choice, or short answer format. Exams and quizzes may be administered in class or through the Internet. Homework assignments, research projects, class presentations, term project and collaborative work may also be used to assess student learning.

**IV. General outline of topics covered:**

Infancy  
Early Childhood  
Middle Childhood  
Adolescence  
Early Adulthood  
Middle Adulthood  
Late Adulthood