

COURSE SYLLABUS
Lewis & Clark College
Graduate School of Education and Counseling

Please attach completed Course Syllabus Cover Sheet to course syllabus.

Course Name	Lifespan Development
Course Number	CPSY 506
Term	Fall 2006
Department	
Textbooks/Materials	Crain, W. (2005). Theories of Development: Concepts and Applications, Fifth Edition, Prentice Hall, NJ. Reading Packet: Available in main office.
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Catalogue Description (*copy from current catalogue*): In this course we examine social, cultural, biological, and learning developmental theories throughout an individual's lifespan, as well as research methods in lifespan development. This course includes the application of theory and research in lifespan development to clinical and other applied situations.

Course Description: In this course we will examine a variety of theoretical perspectives as they apply to various issues that occur across the lifespan. Examples of these issues are the nature-nurture controversy, attachment theory and the impact of early experience, parenting styles, the development of cognition and morality, the development of personality and social relationships, the development of intimate relationships, family processes and the impact of divorce, and developmental changes in adulthood. Clinical implications of the issues covered within the course will also be examined.

Course Goals and Objectives:

1. Develop and demonstrate skill in constructive participation in group discussions related to psychological theories and issues in lifespan development.
2. Develop mastery of the basic principles of different theoretical perspectives in lifespan developmental psychology.
3. Develop an understanding of central developmental issues at different life stages.
4. To develop the ability for in depth analysis of "real life" situations using developmental theory.
4. To understand diversity issues in the context of lifespan developmental theory.

Course Calendar:

Date	Topic	Readings
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Sept 5	Introduction to theories of development	Crain CH 1,2,5, Kagan
Sept 12	Social and emotional development	Crain Ch 3,11,13 Karen, Ijzendoorn,
Fox Sept 19	Cognitive Development	Crain CH 6, Kegan
Sept 26	Development of morality and self concept	Crain CH 7, Kegan Gilligan & Attanucci
Oct 3 Thorne	Development of gender roles	Crain CH 8,9 Chodorow, Pinker,
Oct 10	Parenting & Cultural Context	Crain CH 10, Kagan, Ogbu
Oct 17	Midterm, Adolescence	
Oct 24	Adolescence continued	Crain, CH 12, Erikson Arnett, Cichetti
Oct 31	Early Adulthood	Arnett
Nov 7	Early Adulthood	Grunebaum, Fletcher
Nov 14	Middle Adulthood	Levinson, Lachman
Nov 21	Middle Adulthood	Crain CH 16
Nov 28	Late Adulthood	Crain CH 18, Caspi, Elder
Dec 5	Final Exam	

Course Requirements:

1. Class attendance and participation is vital. This will account for 10 points of your final grade.
2. Weekly discussion question/commentary on assigned readings to be typed and turned in (beginning Sept 12th). Each commentary should open with a question that may be posed for general class discussion. The commentary itself should demonstrate your

thoughtful consideration of an issue raised within the readings. Commentaries should be no longer than one page (single spaced) in length. The commentaries will account for 30 points of your final grade. Late commentaries will not be accepted.

3. There will be three film commentaries due across the term. Each commentary should demonstrate your ability to interpret aspects of the film in light of the developmental issues and theories covered in the course. The commentaries must be typed and no longer than three pages (single spaced) in length. The film commentaries will count for 72 points (24 points each) of your final grade. Late commentaries will not be accepted.

4. Mid term exam. This will account for 44 points of your final grade.

5. Final Exam: This will account for 44 points of your final grade.

Evaluation and Assessment:

In grading your written work I will be looking for your ability to critically evaluate and integrate the information that we have been covering in the course. This requires you to go beyond the information given and to reflect on how different perspectives presented within the course relate, to consider the implications and applications of these perspectives, and to make informed decisions about the strengths and weaknesses of these perspectives.

Grades will be assigned as follows:

A	185-200 points
A-	170-184 points
B+	155-169 points
B	140-154 points
B-	125-139 points
C+	110-124 points
C	95-109 points
C-	80-94 points
D	60-79 points
F	below 60 points

Authorization Levels: This course covers material from the following authorization levels: Early Childhood (age 3 – 4th grade), Elementary (3rd – 8th grades), Middle Level (5th – 9th grades), and High School (7th – 12th grades).

Bibliography: See Packet.

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Faculty Name	Bruce Kenoyer

Catalogue Description (*copy from current catalogue*): Exploration of life span development through the lenses of social, cultural, cognitive, biological, and learning theories and research. Emphasis is on gaining better conceptual understanding of healthy development and better practical understanding of how to help children, adolescents, and adults address the developmental challenges they face across the life span. Particular focus placed on understanding our own developmental processes as well as the role of cultural difference and commonality in the developmental process. **Prerequisite:** None.
Credit: 3 semester hours.

Guiding Principles/Standards Addressed in Course:

(please check box to indicate which guiding principles/standards from the Conceptual Framework are addressed in this course)

Guiding Principles/Standards	
Learning Environments Create democratic learning communities in which caring, equity, social justice, and inclusion are practiced and diverse perspectives, supported.	X
Content Knowledge Integrate fundamental and emergent components of disciplinary knowledge in ways that extend learners' experience and enhance their own and students' capacity to solve problems.	X
Teaching Approaches Engage students and school personnel in meaningful learning experiences responsive to individual differences, interests, developmental levels, and cultural contexts.	X
Connection to Community Design educational activities that cultivate connections between learners and their communities and region.	X
Educational Resources Incorporate a wide range of teaching and technological resources from the school and community into experiences that support learning.	X
Assessment Assess, document, and advocate for the successful learning of all students and school stakeholders.	X
Research and Reflection Adopt habits of personal and scholarly reflection that examine professional practice and lead to systemic renewal.	X
Leadership and Collaboration Lead and collaborate with others to plan, organize, and implement educational practices and programs that confront the impact of societal and institutional barriers to academic success and personal growth.	X
Professional Life Pursue a professional identity that demonstrates respect for diverse peoples, ideas, and cultures.	X

Authorization Levels:

This course addresses preparation at specific authorization levels through readings and in-class discussions (indicate with an "R" in the appropriate box) and/or through a practicum experience (indicate with a "P" in the appropriate box).

Early Childhood Age 3-4 th Grade	
Elementary 3 rd -8 th Grades in an Elementary School	
Middle Level 5 th -9 th Grades in a Middle or Junior High School	
High School 7 th -12 th Grades in Subject/Dept. Assign. in a Mid- or Sr.-High School	

*R = Readings and In-class Discussions *P = Practicum

Student Performance:

Student performance criteria appear on page(s) 3 of this syllabus (student performance includes goals, evidence, and levels of performance).