

PSY 444 Adolescent Development

Fall 2019

Course: PSY 444-001

Time: MW 12:40pm-2:00pm

Final Exam: T Dec 10th 12:45pm-2:45pm

Location: Snyder Hall, Room C201

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***Contacting me via email works best. I do my best to reply to student emails within 48 hours of receiving them. Please feel free to approach me after class to discuss your questions and concerns.**

When contacting me by email, make sure to write PSY 444 in the subject line so your email will not get lost.

Course Overview

This course explores human development during adolescence, a period characterized by major physical, cognitive, emotional, and psychological changes. We will focus on the complex interplay of factors that influence development, including the self, social relationships, environment, culture, and genetics. Additionally, this course will teach students how to critically analyze research articles and improve their scientific writing skills.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, a student should be able to:

- Distinguish between key developmental psychology theories that apply to the period of adolescence
- Apply developmental theories to everyday situations and relationships
- Explain the interplay of nature and nurture in human development
- Identify key markers and milestones in adolescent development
- View current issues facing society from a developmental perspective
- Critically evaluate psychology research articles
- Write about psychology research articles in a clear and concise manner

Course Materials



Textbook: *Adolescence (17th Edition)* by John Santrock.

ISBN: 978-1260137064

Desire2Learn: Students are expected to use the course website on D2L to access readings, keep track of grades, and receive announcements.

Course Components

Exams (45%): There are three exams in this course, including the final. These exams are comprised of multiple choice questions. Information from lectures, readings, and supplementary materials will be covered on the exams. Makeup exams are only permitted in extremely extraordinary circumstances that are in compliance with MSU protocols. Students arriving to take an exam AFTER other students have completed it will not be allowed to take the exam. This includes the Final Exam. It is your responsibility to be on time for all exams. The final exam will not be comprehensive.

Writing Assignments (45%): You will write 2 papers in this course.

1. Research Critique (10%)
2. Final Research Paper (25%)

Writing Quizzes (5%): You will complete writing quizzes in class that are based on grammar, sentence structure, and APA style. There are no makeup quizzes.

Class Participation (5%): I will take attendance every day in class. Two days of attendance will be dropped.

Course Guidelines

- **The lecture material is more important than the book material for your success in this course.**

This means you need to attend and participate in this class. Also, I will not include exam questions that were not covered in lecture. The book is a guide that will help you learn more about specific topics we discuss in class, but reading every page of the book is not necessary.

- **The lecture schedule will be modified as needed throughout the semester, but the exam dates will stay the same.**

Grading

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Points</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Points</u>
4.0	90% to 100%	2.0	70% to 74.9%
3.5	85% to 89.9%	1.5	65% to 69.9%
3.0	80% to 84.9%	1.0	60% to 64.9%
2.5	75% to 79.9%	0.0	Under 60%

Course Policies

Attendance

Attendance is strongly recommended because your success in this course depends on learning the material that is covered in lectures, and I take attendance every day in class. Two days of attendance will be dropped from your grade. Exam attendance is mandatory. Makeup exams are only permitted in extremely extraordinary circumstances that adhere to university policies. Students arriving to take an exam AFTER other students have completed it will not be allowed to take the exam. This includes the Final Exam. It is your responsibility to be on time for all exams.

Use of Electronics in Class

The use of electronics, such as laptops and Ipads, is permitted during class for academic purposes. When you use these devices for other purposes, it is distracting to other students. Phones should be silenced during class. Vibrate is acceptable, unless your phone vibrates repeatedly, in which case I will ask you to turn your phone off. Please do not text during class.

Academic Honor Policy

Article 2.III.B.2 of the [Student Rights and Responsibilities \(SRR\)](#) states that "The student shares with the faculty the responsibility for maintaining the integrity of scholarship, grades, and professional standards." The Psychology Department adheres to the policies on academic honesty as specified in General Student Regulations 1.0, Protection of Scholarship and Grades; the all-University Policy on Integrity of Scholarship and Grades; and Ordinance 17.00, Examinations. (See [Spartan Life: Student Handbook and Resource Guide](#) and/or the MSU Website: www.msu.edu.) Therefore, unless authorized by your instructor, you are expected to complete all course assignments, including homework, lab work, quizzes, tests and exams, without assistance from any source. You are expected to develop original work for this course; therefore, you may not submit course work you completed for another course to satisfy the requirements for this course. Students who violate MSU academic integrity rules may receive a penalty grade, including a failing grade on the assignment or in the course.

Confidentiality

Essays, journals, and other materials submitted for this class are generally considered confidential pursuant to the University's student record policies. However, students should be aware that University employees, including instructors, may not be able to maintain confidentiality when it conflicts with their responsibility to report certain issues to protect the health and safety of MSU community members and others. As the instructor, I must report the following information to other University offices (including the [MSU Police Department](#)) if you share it with me:

- Suspected child abuse/neglect, even if this maltreatment happened when you were a child,
- Allegations of sexual assault or sexual harassment when they involve MSU students, faculty, or staff, and
- Credible threats of harm to oneself or to others.

These reports may trigger contact from a campus official who will want to talk with you about the incident that you have shared. In almost all cases, it will be your decision whether you wish to speak with that individual. If you would like to talk about these events in a more confidential setting you are encouraged to make an appointment with the [MSU Counseling Center](#).

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Michigan State University is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Requests for accommodations by persons with disabilities may be made by contacting the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities at 517-884-RCPD or on the web at rcpd.msu.edu. Once your eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, you will be issued a Verified Individual Services Accommodation ("VISA") form. Please present this form to me at the start of the term and/or two weeks prior to the accommodation date (test, project, etc.). Requests received after this date may not be honored.

Course Schedule

***Note: The lecture schedule will be modified as needed throughout the semester, but the exam dates will stay the same.**

Week	Date	Lecture	Due
1	W 8/28	Syllabus	
2	W 9/4	Ch. 1 Introduction	
3	M 9/9	Ch. 2 Puberty and Biological Foundations	
	W 9/11	Writing Quiz 1	
4	M 9/16	Ch. 3 The Brain and Cognitive Development	
	W 9/18		Research Critique Due
5	M 9/23	Ch. 4 Self, Emotions, and Personality	
	W 9/25		
6	M 9/30	EXAM 1	
	W 10/2	Ch. 5 Gender	Final Paper Topic Due
7	M 10/7	Ch. 6 Sexuality	
	W 10/9	Writing Quiz 2	
8	M 10/14	Ch. 7 Morality and Religion	
	W 10/16		
9	M 10/21	Ch. 8 Families	
	W 10/23		Final Paper Introduction Due
10	M 10/28	Ch. 9 Peers, Romantic Relationships, and Lifestyles	
	W 10/30	EXAM 2	
11	M 11/4	Ch. 10 Schools	
	W 11/6		
12	M 11/11	Ch. 11 Achievement, Work, and Careers	
	W 11/13	Writing Quiz 3	
13	M 11/18	Ch. 12 Culture	
	W 11/20		
14	M 11/25	Ch. 13 Problems in Adolescence and Early Adulthood	Final Paper Due
	W 11/27	<i>CLASS IS CANCELED</i>	
15	M 12/2		
	W 12/4		
FINAL EXAM	T 12/10	12:45pm -2:45pm	