

**Common Course Syllabus**

**Course-Specific Information**

**Department:** Behavioral Sciences

**Discipline:** Psychology

**Course Number:** PSYC 2314

**Course Name:** Lifespan Growth and Development

**Credit:** 3 Lecture: 3 Lab: 0

**Satisfies a core curriculum requirement?** Yes, Behavioral or Social Science

**Prerequisites:** TSI reading compliance for INET

**Available Formats:** conventional; INET

**Campuses:** Levelland, Reese, ATC, Plainview, INET

**Textbook:** *Experience Human Development*, 13th edition. Papalia and Martorell, McGraw-Hill, 2012.  
(Some instructors require Connect access code; See Instructor's Course Information)

**Course Description:** This course is the study of the relationship of the physical, emotional, social, and mental factors of growth and development of children and throughout the lifespan.

**Course Purpose:** The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the major theories and concepts in life span development including the physical, cognitive, and psychosocial changes that occur from conception till death.

**Course Requirements:** To maximize the potential to successfully complete this course, the student should attend all class meetings, complete all homework assignments in a timely manner, and complete all examinations including the final exam. Internet courses require the work to be completed in specific time periods.

**Course Evaluation:** Please see the instructor's course information sheet for specific items used in evaluation student performance.

**Course Specific Instructions:** go to Blackboard Learn 9 for INET classes

**Student Learning Outcomes:** Students who have successfully completed this course will be expected to:

1. Describe the stages of the developing person at different periods of the life span from birth to death.
2. Discuss the social, political, economic, and cultural forces that affect the development process of the individual.
3. Identify factors of responsible personal behavior with regard to issues such as sexual activity, substance abuse, marriage and parenting.
4. Explain the biosocial, cognitive and psychological influences throughout the lifespan as an ongoing set of processes, involving both continuity and change.

5. Describe the different developmental perspectives of the major theories of development (i.e. cognitive, learning, humanistic and psychodynamic).
6. Identify examples of some of the cultural and ethnic differences that influence development throughout the lifespan.
7. Discuss the various causes or reasons for disturbances in the developmental process.

**Core Objectives addressed:**

- **Communication skills-** to include effective written, oral and visual communication.
- **Critical thinking skills-** to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.
- **Empirical and Quantitative skills-** to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.
- **Social Responsibility-** to include the demonstrated intercultural knowledge and competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national and global communities.

**Coordinating Board Approval Number (CIP) 42.2703.51 25**

**Relevant SPC Policies & Procedures**

**Attendance Policy:** Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus.

When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first class meeting.

Students who enroll in a course but have "Never Attended" by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in the course syllabus and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester, may be administratively withdrawn from that course and receive a grade of "X" or "F" as determined by the instructor. Instructors are responsible for clearly stating their administrative drop policy in the course syllabus, and it is the student's responsibility to be aware of that policy.

It is the student's responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be

adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment. See Instructor's Course Information for additions to the attendance policy. (See Catalog)

**Academic Integrity:** The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension. This policy relates to all forms of cheating and plagiarism. See Instructor's Course Information for additions to the academic integrity policy.

**Student Conduct:** A high standard of conduct is expected of all students. Students are subject to federal, state and local laws, as well as South Plains College rules and regulations. Any student who fails to perform according to expected standards may be asked to withdraw. Failure to comply with lawful direction of a classroom teacher relative to maintaining good order is considered misconduct on the part of the student. Repeated violations of disrupting a class may result in the student being dropped from that course (See Catalog/Student Guide for full policy). See Instructor's Course Information for additional policies related to student conduct.

**Academic Appeals:** The Vice President for Student Affairs is the South Plains College Title IX Coordinator and is designated to formally investigate student grievances, address inquiries and coordinate the College's compliance efforts regarding student complaints and grievances. Whenever possible and safe, the problem or complaint should first be discussed with the individual involved in the complaint. If satisfactory resolution is not reached after discussion with the individual, the student should contact the individual's direct supervisor to attempt to resolve the complaint. If these efforts are unsuccessful, the formal grievance process may be initiated. The College does not require a student to contact the person involved or that person's supervisor if doing so is impracticable, or if the student believes that the conduct cannot be effectively addressed through informal means (See Catalog/Student Guide for full definitions and policy).

**Disability Services:** Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

**Diversity & Equal Rights:** South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President of Student Affairs. All students are entitled to equal rights under the affirmative action and equal opportunity laws. Students are also protected against unjust or biased academic evaluation, but at the same time, they are responsible for maintaining standards of academic performance established for each course in which they are enrolled. (See Catalog/Student Guide for full definitions and policies)

## **Instructor Information**

**Instructor Name:** Armida Rosiles, Ph.D.

**Office Hours:** email & by appointment

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**Textbook:** Human Development: A Cultural Approach, 2e By Jeffrey Jensen Arnett

Attendance Policy: Since this course is a virtual classroom, attendance will be taken according to the following:

- Taking chapter quizzes on or before the due dates.
- Discussion posting on or before the due dates.

Late work: All work must be posted, emailed, or hand delivered by the due dates posted on the calendar. Excuses such as "The network was down," or "I could not figure out how to access Connect for the quizzes or homework" are not acceptable. In short, plan ahead and do not wait until the last minute to submit your assignments. It is always okay to complete assignments early. All quizzes will be available to you on the first day of classes.

**\*\*Please note: I do not accept late work!\*\***

Blackboard is the computer software used to deliver this course. It is essential that you have reliable access to the Internet. It is not necessary to purchase or own your own computer but you should have a backup plan in place should you encounter computer problems. There are open computer labs available to all enrolled SPC students on all campuses. It is also the student's responsibility to have the required computer skills to complete this course. More information on online courses is available at [www.southplainscollege.edu/online](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/online). Should you encounter technical difficulties contact the SPC technical support for issues with **Blackboard: [sfigueroa@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:sfigueroa@southplainscollege.edu) or 806 716-5094.**

Be sure to include course and section number information when contacting technical support for Blackboard.

Assignment Policy:

There are two different types of assignments required in this course.

1. Quizzes: (50 points each)

There is a twenty question multiple choice quiz for each assigned chapter in the text book. I understand that there are times in the semester when issues arise and you may miss a quiz deadline. Therefore, you will be allowed to drop 1 missed quiz during the semester. If you do not miss any quizzes during the semester, I will drop your lowest quiz grade.

You will be able to access your quizzes through blackboard on the first day of classes.

Feel free to work ahead of schedule. However, please pay special attention to each assignment due date. Be forewarned that I do not accept late work. Furthermore, these are timed quizzes, so do not click on the link until you are ready to actually complete the quiz. You will be allowed 60 minutes to take each quiz.

2. Discussion Postings (3 at 50 points each)

Discussion topics are listed in the Discussion Board area of Blackboard. Discussion prompts may include a link to a video or other supplemental material. Each posting requires that you post an original message and reply to at least 2 of your classmates postings. To receive full credit on your discussion postings, you must meet the following requirements:

Original Message requirements: (30 points)

- Meet posting deadline
- 200-300 words in length
- Make direct connections between video and/or supplemental reading and the textbook.
- Include personal experiences and/or reactions
- Use correct grammar and complete sentences.

2 Reply posting to classmates discussions: (10 points each)

- Meet posting deadline
- 200-300 words in length for each posting

- Provide constructive feedback and/or ask thought provoking questions
- Include personal experiences and/or elaborate on their ideas.
- Use correct grammar and complete sentences.

Grading Policy:

4 Discussions, drop 1 for a total of 3
13 quizzes, drop 1 for a total of 12 quizzes
750-675=A
674-600=B
599-525=C
524-450=D
449- below = F