

South Plains College
Common Course Syllabus: PSYC 2308 Child Psychology
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Department: Behavioral Sciences

Discipline: Psychology

Course Number: PSYC 2308

Course Title: Child Psychology

Available Formats: conventional, internet

Campuses: Levelland, Reese, Plainview, Lubbock Center, Dual-Credit

Course Description: This course will address psychological development from conception through middle childhood with references to physical, cognitive, social and personality changes. Students will examine the interplay of biological factors, human interaction, social structures and cultural forces in development.

Prerequisite: : (TSI compliance); TSI compliance in reading for the INET but not for face-to-face

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

Textbook: Manis, F.R., *The Dynamic Child, 2nd Edition*, (2019). Pearson Education. This also requires the Revel access code that allows work to be completed in Revel.

Supplies: Computer access

This course partially satisfies a Core Curriculum Requirement: Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Component Area (080)

Core Curriculum Objectives addressed:

- **Communications 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 competency skills**—to manipulate and analyze numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
- **Social Responsibility**—to include the demonstrated knowledge and competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Describe how human beings change physically, cognitively, socially and emotionally from conception through childhood.

2. Identify fundamental concepts and theories, both recent and historical, within the field of child psychology.
3. Evaluate research issues and methodologies used to investigate developmental phenomena.
4. Describe the process of development and the multiple sources of influence on a developing child.

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment: Measures of skills on discussion and quizzes will be used to assess the Student Learning Outcomes.

Course Evaluation: Discussions, quizzes, exams, and a paper will be used to determine your grade.

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.

Plagiarism and Cheating: Students are expected to do their own work on all projects, quizzes, assignments, examinations, and papers. Failure to comply with this policy will result in an F for the assignment and can result in an F for the course if circumstances warrant.

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Turning in a paper that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student, an online term paper site, or a mail order term paper mill;

2. Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation;
3. Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; or
4. Missing in-text citations.

Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion;
2. Discovering the content of an examination before it is given;
3. Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, internet, apps) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment;
4. Entering an office or building to obtain unfair advantage;
5. Taking an examination for another;
6. Altering grade records;
7. Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment;
8. Rewriting another student's work in Peer Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
9. Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper.

Student Code of Conduct Policy: Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others' behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

Diversity Statement: In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

Disability Statement: 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.

Nondiscrimination Policy: 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 for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement: If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To [activate](#) accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or [email cgilster@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cgilster@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

Campus Concealed Carry: Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>
Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

SPC Bookstore Price Match Guarantee Policy:

If you find a lower price on a textbook, the South Plains College bookstore will match that price. The difference will be given to the student on a bookstore gift certificate! The gift certificate can be spent on anything in the store.

If students have already purchased textbooks and then find a better price later, the South Plains College bookstore will price match through the first week of the semester. The student must have a copy of the receipt and the book has to be in stock at the competition at the time of the price match.

The South Plains College bookstore will happily price match BN.com & books on Amazon noted as *ships from and sold by Amazon.com*. Online marketplaces such as *Other Sellers* on Amazon, Amazon's Warehouse Deals, *fulfilled by Amazon*, BN.com Marketplace, and peer-to-peer pricing are not eligible. They will price match the exact textbook, in the same edition and format, including all accompanying materials, like workbooks and CDs.

A textbook is only eligible for price match if it is in stock on a competitor's website at time of the price match request. Additional membership discounts and offers cannot be applied to the student's refund.

Price matching is only available on in-store purchases. Digital books, access codes sold via publisher sites, rentals and special orders are not eligible. Only one price match per title per customer is allowed.

Note: The instructor reserves the right to modify the course syllabus and policies, as well as notify students of any changes, at any point during the semester.

Specific Course Information:

Child Psychology PSYC 2308 /Blackboard

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Textbook:

- **Textbook/Required reading:**

The Dynamic Child by Franklin R. Manis, 2nd Edition. (2019). This book is published by Pearson. You will also need the code for REVEL which is the system for completion of assignments and also access to the Virtual Child program. Here is the ISBN number which is required for the book: **REVEL for Dynamic Child -- Access Code Card**

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Computer Requirements:

- These are specified on the Blackboard site. There are study tapes that will assist in learning Blackboard. The link is https://help.blackboard.com/enus/Learn/Reference/Blackboard_Learn_Videos

. Troubleshooting and Tech Support:

- **Open Computer Lab:** There is an Open Computer Lab located on the Levelland campus in the Technology Center. It is available to all students, with priority given to those students enrolled in computer classes. Computers are also available on the Reese Center, Lubbock, and Plainview campuses. IF viewing videos, check to see if you need headsets for audio.
- **Technical Problems/Support:** If you are having computer problems, I will try to help you in any way that I can but calling tech support might be quicker. Please remember that it is your responsibility to have a backup plan if your computer goes down. **Please have a backup plan in place.**

- **PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO TURN ASSIGNMENTS IN OR YOU MAY HAVE PROBLEMS!** Remember the saying "TECHNOLOGY HAPPENS"!
- **Anti-virus Software:** Please make sure that your computer has an up-to-date antivirus software program installed.

Attendance Policy:

- Even though this is an online class or a virtual classroom, students still have to access the course on a regular basis to do assessments, submit assignments and participate in class discussion via the class discussion board. If you do not complete assignments for 3 weeks this is reason to drop you from the course. Be sure that you keep up with assignments.
- The Blackboard software used to manage this online course tracks student logins, tracking when and where the student has been in the course. Accessing this course on a regular basis is extremely important in order to meet the objectives of this course. You will feel more at ease with the materials if you stay in touch with what is going on.
- **Administrative Drop Policy:** Due to Financial Aid and South Plains College requirements for participation/attendance:
- **It is important to note that students who fails to turn in 3 weeks' assignments will be dropped with a grade of "X" or "F" from the course. If missed assignments occur after the final drop date you will not be dropped and will receive the grade earned.**

GRADING:

- The first post is an introduction of you to the class (see deadline on calendar). All Discussion topics will be listed on Discussion page.
- ○ The primary goal of this portion of the course is to "talk" about what you are learning so it is more appropriate to be informal and conversational in these assignments and spend more time polishing the weekly assignment questions.
 - **DISCUSSIONS have the same deadline as your weekly assignments** from REVEL. The topic is provided and you will be asked to respond to that question and/or video. There is one discussion due per week and it is worth 75 points each for a total of 1125 points. ○
 - **REVEL** is a textbook platform that is connected via the link that shows on the "Start Here page." If you click on the REVEL tab it will take you directly to the Pearson site. You can use the site for 2 weeks complementary use or use your code on the first time to become a registered user. If you use the complementary two weeks, you will still need to purchase the code after that 2 weeks to complete the

course. This 2 week time period is provided to assist students who might not yet have financial aid. There are quizzes in this section for each chapter at 100 points each and a total of 1500 points.

○ **VIRTUAL CHILD** is a program where you build your virtual child and have to answer questions along the way regarding the child's development based upon genetics, temperament, and environment. This should be a fun way to see how the information about child psychology applies to a child. This is optional and gives you a good understanding of children but is not required and no points will be assigned.

- **PAPER**—you will have a short paper that is required and will be worth 500 points. This information is located on the “Paper” page on the Start Here tab and on the left tab.
- **EXAM 1 and EXAM 2** – You have 2 essay exams during the semester. These are available for several weeks but do have a deadline that is listed. You may use your textbook and other sources to answer the questions. Each exam is worth 250 points.
- **TOTAL points for all these assignments and tests would be as follows:**
 1. **Revel—1500**
 2. **Discussions—1125**
 3. **Exam 1—250**
 4. **Exam 2—250**
 5. **Paper---500**
 6. **Total --3625**

ONLINE ETIQUETTE

A few words about communication and online discussion are in order. As you can imagine, some conversations easily become emotional, especially if we touch on people's deeply held beliefs. Unfortunately, online posting can mislead one into thinking that cyberspace is an “anything goes” kind of forum. This isn't the case. Civil interaction is as much expected here as in the “traditional” classroom. Below I provide some guidelines for communicating more effectively online. I will deduct points from posts that violate the spirit of these suggestions. **IF I DEEM THE COMMENTS ESPECIALLY EGREGIOUS I WILL DROP YOU FROM THE CLASS.**

Essay Questions:

These should be polished writing assignments which use the written standards of conventional English (i.e. spelling, punctuation, paragraph form and grammar count!). Be sure and address textbook information in your assignment.

- As in the Discussion Board requirements, you must use the **psychological perspective** and you should reference textbook material (but do not copy) to show an understanding of terms and concepts to receive the maximum number of points. When using text or other sources, it is important that you use **YOUR OWN words** to demonstrate that you understand the material. **Don't copy/paste from textbook or other sources since that is plagiarism and dishonest.** Points are deducted for length, spelling, grammar, paragraph form, etc.
- To help students keep on track and learn to address topic clearly, the questions are very specific.
 - **Remember grades are based on what you write not what you intended to say.**
- These should be polished writing assignments which use the written standards of conventional English (i.e. spelling, punctuation, paragraph form and grammar count!). Be sure and address textbook information in your assignment. You should reference textbook material to show an understanding of terms and concepts to receive the maximum number of points.
 - NOTE: If you are unable to reword something then that usually means you don't know understand the material.

Calendar/Due Dates:

- Check the calendar for all due dates and due dates are also listed on quizzes, assignments, discussions, and learning modules. NOTE:
DEADLINES are for MIDNIGHT OR 11:59 PM on Tuesdays for discussions and at 11:59 on Wednesday for the REVEL assignments and are listed with each assignment.
- **Late work:** For the purposes of this course there are set deadlines (see assignment/testing/calendar links for dates). All work (quizzes, assignments, discussions) assigned for that week must be posted or submitted by that time to receive credit. . Excuses such as "The network was down," or "I could not figure out how to send the assignment " or "Time expired just as I went to hit the submit button" are not acceptable. In short, **plan ahead and do not wait until the last minute** to submit your assignments.
- Check on the Announcements for your calendar with all the dates.

Grade Distribution:

A = 90% This would mean having more than 90% of the 3625 points or 3262 points

B = 80% This would mean having more than 80% of the 3625 points or above 2900 points.

C = 70% This would mean having more than 70% of the 3625 points or above 2538 points.

D = 60% This would mean having more than 60% of the 3625 points or above 2175 points.

F = 59% or less If your total points are below 2174 then you are failing.

Helpful websites on citation and/or plagiarism:

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_apa.html

http://www.southplainscollege.edu/behavior_sciences/soci/Plagiarism.doc

- **Student Conduct** – "Failure to comply with lawful directions of a classroom teacher relative to maintaining good order is considered misconduct on the part of the student. Repeated violations of disrupting a class will result in the student being dropped from the course" (see SPC Student Guide). Please note that this is an online environment and others will see your comments posted to the discussion board area and/or in e-mail communications. Do not post any pictures, comments or data that others may find offensive.