# COURSE SYLLABUS

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**Course Code:** PSY*203  
**Course Type:** L/D  
A: Clinical  B: Lab  D: Distance Learning  
I: Individual/Independent  L: Lecture  N: Internship  
M: Seminar  P: Practicum  U: Studio  
X: Combined Lecture/Lab  Y: Combined Lecture/Studio  
**Elective Type:** G/LAS/SS  
LAS: Liberal Arts & Sciences  M: Math  S: Science  SS: Social Science

**Prerequisites:**  
C- or better in Composition (ENG*101) and General Psychology I (PSY*111)

**Corequisites:**  
None

**Other Requirements:**  
None

**Catalog Course Description:**  
Childhood from conception to adolescence is examined, with emphasis on the areas of physical, social, emotional, cognitive, language, and sex-role development.

**Topical Outline:**  
List course content in outline format.

1. Introduction to Child Development and Theoretical Perspectives  
2. The Start of Life  
3. Birth and the Newborn Infant  
4. Physical Development in Infancy  
5. Cognitive Development in Infancy  
6. Social and Personality Development in Infancy  
7. Physical Development in the Preschool Years  
8. Cognitive Development in the Preschool Years  
9. Social and Personality Development in the Preschool Years  
10. Physical Development in Middle Childhood  
11. Cognitive Development in Middle Childhood
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to do the following:

**COURSE:**
1. define the primary areas of research in the field of Child Development
2. discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the various research designs used in the study of Child Development
3. define development and name two major issues in Child Development in this country and abroad
4. discuss the contributions of at least five major researchers in the development of theory in the field of Child Development including Erikson, Freud, Vygotsky, and Piaget
5. discuss how social and cultural norms can affect normal development
6. when given an age group, outline the major physical, emotional, cognitive and social developmental characteristics of that group
7. integrate and apply information presented in this course in their interactions with children in their roles as teachers, parents, friends, or relatives
8. as members of their community, advocate for policies that enhance the possibility for all children to grow in a healthy and safe environment

**Evaluation:**
List how the above outcomes will be assessed.

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**PROGRAM:** (Numbering reflects Program Outcomes as they appear in the college catalog)
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### Instructional Resources:
List library (e.g. books, journals, online resources), technological (e.g. Smartboard, software), and other resources (e.g. equipment, supplies, facilities) required and desired to teach this course.

| Required: | None |
| Desired: | |

### Textbook(s)
Refer to current academic year printout