**COURSE SYLLABUS**

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**Course Code:** PSY*201  
**Course Type:** D/L  
**Elective Type:** G/LAS/SS

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

**Corequisites:**  
None

**Other Requirements:**  
None

**Catalog Course Description:**  
Lifespan Development is a course which will examine developmental psychology, including theories and methodologies used by developmental psychologists. The course will examine continuity and change from conception to death and the interaction of biological, psychological and social aspects of development. The course will prepare students for more advanced courses in developmental psychology.

**Topical Outline:**  
1. Theories  
2. Research methods and research design  
3. Heredity and environment  
4. Prenatal development and birth  
5. Bio-social development during infancy and early childhood  
6. Cognitive development during infancy and early childhood  
7. Bio-social development during school years  
8. Cognitive development during school years  
9. Bio-social development during Adolescence
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to do the following:

**COURSE:**
1. outline the physical, cognitive, moral, and psychosocial development changes and milestones of the individual throughout the lifespan
2. distinguish and differentiate the interrelated influences of culture, heredity, physiology, environment, and social context on development throughout the lifespan
3. discuss how knowledge of lifespan development information and theory can inform decision-making within individuals, families, schools, health and social service systems and the larger community
4. discuss how knowledge of lifespan development information and theory can be applied to practice in various professions
5. use the Internet and the library to locate and evaluate resources for families and individuals concerning critical issues related to growth and development

**PROGRAM:** (Numbering reflects Program Outcomes as they appear in the college catalog)
N/A

**COMPETENCIES FULFILLED:**

**Social Phenomena -** Students will develop an increased understanding of the influences that shape a person’s, or group’s attitudes, beliefs, emotions, symbols, and actions, and how these systems of influence are created, maintained, and altered by individual, familial, group, situational or cultural means.

- **Demonstrates:** Accurately and sufficiently explains factors that influence and shape a person’s or group’s attitudes, beliefs, decisions, and actions.
- **Does Not Demonstrate:** Inaccurately or insufficiently explains factors that influence and shape a person’s or group’s attitudes, beliefs, decisions, and actions.

**Ethical Dimensions (embedded) -** Students will identify ethical principles that guide individual and collective actions and apply those principles to the analysis of contemporary social and political problems.

- **Demonstrates:** Identifies and reflects critically on ethical issues presented in classroom instruction or in assigned co-curricular or civic activities and/or professional internships and practica.
- **Does Not Demonstrate:** Does not sufficiently identify or reflect critically on ethical issues presented in classroom instruction or in assigned co-curricular or civic activities and/or professional internships and practica.

**Evaluation:**
Assessment will be based on the following criteria:

**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 |