Course Description:
This course is designed to provide the student with an overview of human development from birth to death. Major theories of human development will be introduced. Students will be given opportunity to apply knowledge to observation and to gain knowledge of current literature and research.

Course Objectives
As a result of this course students will be able to:

I. Understand phases of human development from a variety of theoretical perspectives

II. Summarize major theories of development

III. Apply developmental theories to observations to infer development abilities based on normal developmental milestones

Required Texts:


Additional Reading Resources—Read any 200 pages from this list


Elkind, David. All grown up and no where to go. New York: Perseus Books


Original dates of publication:
(1900). *The interpretation of dreams*. Volumes 4 and 5.
(With Breuer: 1895- *Studies on Hysteria*)


Also:


**Requirements**

Students are expected to attend all classes and to participate actively. *Students will discuss all absences with the instructor*. Absences of more than 3 hours may result in additional assignments or a grade penalty depending on the number of absences. Students will complete all reading and other assignments. Discuss all late assignments with the instructor. One point will be deducted from all late assignments per day late (including the weekend) and will not be accepted more than 1 week late.

**Assignments**

4 Theory Summaries 10 points each (=40 points)
3 Observations 15 points each (=45 points)
Reading 15 points
4 Theory Summaries

The 4 theory summaries will be for Freud, Piaget, Erikson, and Kohlberg.
The reports are short and single-spaced (2 pages maximum). Use APA style for references. Use complete sentences. Do not merely list information. Each report will include:

- 5 critical terms or concepts which are most central for understanding this theory. Define each in your own words, demonstrating understanding of each. (2.5 points)
- What are the theorist’s basic assumptions about the nature of humans and their development, e.g., are humans sinful, do they begin with a tabula rasa, is development determined? What are the stages (named in order) that a human moves through? (1 point)
- How does the theorist conceptualize the healthy and unhealthy individual? (3.5 points)
- What are the theory’s strengths and weaknesses from your perspective? Is there any research that supports or refutes the theory? (3 points)

3 Observations

Do not observe your own family member(s).
Observe the developmental level of one child (0-10 years old), one adolescent (13-18 years old), and one older adult (45-100 years old). OMIT THE LAST NAME. Provide basic demographics: age, sex, race/ethnicity. You can provide additional information like SES, position in family, etc.

Give each subject at least 5 types of developmental tasks. Write a 6-page summary (using APA style) of your development observations and conclusions for at least the following areas of development: physical-motor, cognitive (including language) and social-emotional development. For the adolescent and adult, include two other relevant developmental areas, which might include identity, moral, sexual, racial/ethnic, and faith. (The areas you select will depend on the age of the individual and your interest area.) Always report the Erikson stage they appear to be in.

Support your conclusions with examples of behavior and the theoretical basis for your inferences. Example: “Amy appears to be functioning at the four to eight month range which would place her in the Piagetian Sensorimotor stage, substage 3—Secondary Circular Reactions. This inference is based on Amy’s interest in objects and her accidental contact with them. She attempted to reach the grass (when outside on a blanket) but did not yet have the motor skills to successfully reach it. She followed the family dog’s movements intently and tried to reestablish visual contact with it by trying to anticipate where it would show up next, but she was not always successful at this task…” etc.

Tasks to give to children, See also the following resources on reserve in the library:

- For moral developmental tasks, see Johnston, D.K. (1988). “Adolescents’ solutions to dilemmas in fables: two moral orientations—two problem solving strategies” in Mapping the
Grading Rubric

TURN IN A CONSENT FORM WITH EACH OBSERVATION.
1 point each for developmental tasks extended to the individual and 1 point for conclusions or inferences in each of 5 developmental areas.

Course Outline with Assignments

Readings are due on the day listed. Assignments are due by 4pm on the day listed.

September 12 Review syllabus. Introduce theories of development and ethical and legal issues in observations including consent form. Freud

September 19 Erikson, Marcia, Vaillant, Piaget and King & Kitchener
a. Turn in Theory Summary on Freud
b. Read Miller Introduction and chapters 1 and 2
c. Read Berk Chapters 1 & 2
e. Read chapter 3 from King, P.M. & Kitchener, K.S. (1994). Developing Reflective Judgment ON RESERVE

September 26 Vygotsky, Kohlberg, Gilligan, Rest
a. Turn in Theory Summary on Erikson
b. Read Miller Chapter 7
c. Read chapter 3 (pp. 43-82) on reserve from Hersh, Paolitto, & Reimer (1979) Promoting Moral Growth: From Piaget to Kohlberg New York: Longman. ON RESERVE

October 3 Infancy to early childhood
a. Turn in Theory Summary on Piaget
b. Read Berk Chapters 4-8

October 10 Middle childhood to adolescence
a. Turn in Theory Summary on Kohlberg
b. Read Berk Chapters 9-12

October 17 No class; Reading Week #1

October 24 Early adulthood to Middle adulthood
a. Read Berk Chapters 13-16

October 31 Guest Speaker: Late adulthood
a. **Turn in Observation #1**  
b. Read Berk chapters 17-18

**November 7 Developmental disorders and diagnoses**  
a. Read DSM information for Autistic Disorder, Rett’s Disorder, Childhood Disintegrative Disorder, Asperger’s Disorder, Elimination Disorders, Separation Anxiety Disorder, and Reactive Attachment Disorder of Infancy or Early Childhood  

**November 14 No class; Reading Week #2**

**November 21 Counselor development; Ethnic and racial identity development**  
a. **Turn in Observation #2**  

**November 28 No class Thanksgiving**

**December 5 Faith development; Vignettes**  
b. **Turn in Observation #3**

**December 16 4pm**  
**Turn in Reading Statement**  
Last day to submit written assignments or apply to Registrar (not to instructor) for extension if needed. Let the instructor know if you are applying for an extension.
READING STATEMENT
CO 610
ADVANCED DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

NAME: _____________________________  Box #: _____________

I have read all the required reading:
• Required reading from the 2 texts
• 200 pages from Additional Reading Resources List
• 7 book chapters on reserve
• 2 articles in PsychARTICLES
• DSM-IV developmental disorders
• 1 development website

________________________________ ____________
Signature  Date

OR

Of the required reading, I have read ____ % of the reading.

________________________________ ____________
Signature  Date