



# DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

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## Psychology 200 OLH

WebAccess: <http://smccd.mrooms.net/>

MyDevelopmentLab:

[http://www.pearsoncustom.com/ca/canada\\_mylibs/](http://www.pearsoncustom.com/ca/canada_mylibs/)

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## Course Description:

This course provides a broad overview of psychological variables contributing to human development from conception to birth through old age. Its contents cover biological, cognitive, social, and emotional changes that occur during the human lifespan from pre-natal stages through dying and death. Students will be introduced to underlying processes of human development and the interrelatedness of many contributing disciplines with particular focus on research studies that illustrate principles of developmental psychology. Course activities are designed to promote the interplay between biology and environment, highlighting culture and social issues, while emphasizing the lifespan perspective of development. Historical and emerging theories are presented with a multitude of research-based, real-world, and cross-cultural examples.

## Required Texts/WebAccess:

- [DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE LIFESPAN](#) by Berk, Laura E., Fifth Edition
- [MyDevelopmentLab Access Code](#) – comes bundled with new textbook (Berk, Laura E., Fifth Edition) or can be purchased online through MyDevelopmentLab on Pearson's Website on WebAccess.
- [MyVirtualChild](#) – is an interactive web-based simulation that allows you to raise a child from birth to age 18 and monitor the effects of your parenting decisions over time. This website is part of MyDevelopmentLab and once you register an access code for MyDevelopmentLab you will have access to this website.
- [WebAccess](#) – registered students for this course will use their college WebSMART ID and password as the access code to log on.
- Other reading assignments as indicated throughout the course including online assignments.
- An internet connection and your [my.smccd.edu](http://my.smccd.edu) student email account.

**WebAccess** is the website that contains course material and information for PSYC200 Developmental Psychology. Lecture notes, reading assignments, and discussion boards are provided to reinforce chapter concepts, theories, and constructs of Developmental Psychology. Chapter pre/posttest and exams are accessed through **MyDevelopmentLab** and have specified dates and times for completion. **WebAccess Student Tutorial** provides information about the various features of WebAccess website.

**MyDevelopmentLab** is a supplemental website for you to save time and improve your results on tests/exams

and by having access to the textbook online. You can take a pre-test and post-test online and monitor your progress. After you take a chapter pre/post test a customized study plan will help you improve results by focusing on what you did not know and will help you to understand better the course materials in preparation for weekly chapter exams. There are flashcards to help you study for tests, videos, and interactive simulations where you will be able to view and experience psychological phenomena. You will earn MyDevelopmentLab points for each chapter pre-test and post-test completed, and raw scores for chapter exams.

**MyVirtualChild** is an interactive web-based simulation website that is located on MyDevelopmentLab. You will be allowed to raise a child from birth to age 18 and monitor the effects of your parenting decisions over time. As your virtual child progresses through each age level, you will read about events occurring in his or her virtual life and you will be asked to make decisions about your child. There are several critical thinking discussion assignments which you will be expected to write brief papers and post online. You will earn points for completely raising your virtual child to age 18 and will receive points for each brief paper.

### **Course Requirements:**

- 1) **Chapter Pre/Posttests:** Complete each chapter pre-test or post-test to prepare for the Chapter exams. Access to online chapter pre/posttest through **MyDevelopmentLab**. You can also view videos, use flashcards, and interactive simulations to prepare for class lectures, activities, and chapter exams. Chapter pre/posttests are to be complete for each chapter assigned weekly. Test are available on Monday and due on **Friday at 11PM**.
- 2) **Chapter Exams:** Weekly online tests are assigned for each week's chapter reading. Access to online chapter exams are through **MyDevelopmentLab**. Chapter exams are to be complete for each chapter assigned weekly and due on **Friday at 11PM**.
- 3) **Discussion Board Assignments:** Weekly discussion board questions will be assigned. Questions for discussion will be based on readings from the assigned chapters and online lectures. These assignments must be posted by **11PM on Thursday and replies to two other student's postings are due by Saturday at 11PM** of each week. No late assignments will be allowed.
- 4) **MyVirtualChild:** Raise a child and monitor the effects of your decisions up to age 18. Complete brief critical thinking questions to be posted online.
- 5) **Family History Report:** A 2 page paper identifying your siblings, parents, family background, and grandparent's background will be required the third week of this course. A photo (photocopy) reflecting an earlier time in your life must be included. This assignment is to be **word processed and single-spaced**.
- 6) **Journal Article Review:** A 4 page review paper of a peer reviewed, referred, or scholarly journal article is to be completed. This paper is to be written in APA Style format.
- 7) **Research Paper:** You will choose a specific topic to research on a perspective of Developmental Psychology. A 4-6 page research paper about the selected topic and your results written in APA Style format is to be completed. All student papers will be submitted to Turnitin.com before grading.
- 8) **Late assignments:** At the Professor's discretion, you may receive a 5% reduction in points for every day you are late for the first week with an assignment. Assignments that are more than a week late will not be accepted. You must complete scheduled week's assignments and activities by **11PM on Saturday**, unless otherwise specified.
- 9) **Extra Credit:** There may or may not be extra credit assignments for this course.
- 10) **Grading:** Grades will be based on the following criteria. **Please note that all assignments must be completed in order to satisfactorily complete the course (receive a grade of C or better). However, this does not mean that the mere completion of all assignments ensures you will receive a C. The quality of your work will determine your grade for this course.**

<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Assigned Points</u>
Chapter Exams	400 points
Pre/Posttests	320 points
MyVirtualChild Assignments	180 points
Discussion Board	400 points
Family History	50 points
Journal Article	100 points
Research Paper	150 points
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>1600 points</b>

### Grading Percentages

90-100%	A
78-89.5%	B
65-77.5%	C
50-64.5%	D
Below 49%	F

### Important Policy Requirements:

- **ENROLLMENT/WITHDRAWAL:** Students take complete responsibility for enrollment and withdrawal procedures for this course.
- **CHAPTER Pre/PostTESTS and exams:** All Chapter tests must be taken at the scheduled times. Make-up for tests will not be allowed unless prior arrangements have been made with the Professor.
- **PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:** The Cañada College policy on **plagiarism** and **cheating** is strictly adhered to for this course. Students who are suspected of these activities may be subject to severe disciplinary actions. Click on the link to download a pdf on Canada College policy. [http://www.canadacollege.edu/inside/acad\\_integrity/AIforcatalog.pdf](http://www.canadacollege.edu/inside/acad_integrity/AIforcatalog.pdf).
- **DISABLED STUDENTS:** Students with disabilities who have special needs including exam accommodations must report to the **Disability Resource Center** at the beginning of this course. Contact their office at **306-3259**.
- **GRADES AND COURSE MATERIALS:** The Professor will retain all exams, papers, and records of cumulated points for six weeks into the succeeding semester. If students want to question their final grade or retrieve their course materials, they need to contact me within that time. After this period, all students' course materials will be discarded.