

COURSE SYLLABUS COVER SHEET

Lewis & Clark College
Graduate School of Education and Counseling

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Course Name	Life Span Development
Course Number	CPSY 506-01
Term	Fall 2008
Department	Counseling Psychology
Faculty Name	Bruce Kenofer

Catalogue Description:

Exploration of life span development through the lenses of social, cultural, cognitive, biological, and learning theories and research. Emphasis is on gaining better conceptual understanding of healthy development and better practical understanding of how to help children, adolescents, and adults address the developmental challenges they face across the life span. Particular focus placed on understanding our own developmental processes as well as the role of cultural difference and commonality in the developmental process.

Credit: 3 semester hours.

Guiding Principles/Standards Addressed in Course:

(please check box to indicate which guiding principles/standards from the Conceptual Framework are addressed in this course)

Guiding Principles/Standards	
<u>Learning and Living Environments</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Create democratic learning communities in which caring, equity, social justice, and inclusion are practiced and diverse perspectives are supported.	
<u>Disciplinary Knowledge</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Integrate fundamental and emergent components of disciplinary knowledge in ways that extend and enhance experiences of the diverse individuals and groups we serve. Use this knowledge to augment our own capacity to solve problems, even as we support individuals and communities in problem solving.	
<u>Professional Practice</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Engage individuals, families and the professionals who support them in meaningful learning, counseling and therapy, and community-building experiences responsive to individual differences, interests, developmental levels, and cultural contexts.	
<u>Connection to Community</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Design learning and counseling activities that cultivate connections between individuals, families, and their communities and region.	
<u>Professional and Technological Resources</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Incorporate a wide range of professional and technological resources into experiences that support learning, mental health, and community well-being.	
<u>Assessment</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assess, document, and advocate for the successful learning and living of all people involved in schools and communities.	
<u>Research and Reflection</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Adopt habits of personal and scholarly reflection that examine professional practice and lead to systemic renewal.	
<u>Leadership and Collaboration</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lead and collaborate with others to plan, organize, and implement educational and counseling practices and programs that confront the impact of societal and institutional barriers to academic success, personal growth, and community well-being.	
<u>Professional Life</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pursue a professional identity that demonstrates a commitment to the legal, ethical, and professional responsibilities of our profession(s).	

Authorization Levels (for TSPC-approved programs only):

This course addresses preparation at specific authorization levels through readings and in-class discussions (indicate with an "R" in the appropriate box) and/or through a practicum experience (indicate with a "P" in the appropriate box).

Early Childhood	Pre-Kindergarten-4 th Grade in a preprimary school, a primary school, or an elementary school.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Elementary	3 rd -8 th Grades in an elementary classroom or in a self-contained 5th or 6th grade classroom in a middle school.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Middle Level	5 th -9 th Grades in an elementary, middle, or junior high school, or high school.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
High School	9 th -12 th Grades in Subject/Dept. Assign. in a High School.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

*R = Readings and In-class Discussions *P = Practicum

Student Performance:

Student performance criteria appear on page(s) _____ of this syllabus (student performance includes goals, evidence, and levels of performance).

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Course Name	Lifespan Development
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Term	Fall 2008
Department	
Textbooks/Materials	

Crain, W. (2005). Theories of Development: Concepts and Applications, Fifth Edition, Prentice Hall, NJ.

Kegan, R. (1982). The Evolving Self: Problems and Process in Human Development. Cambridge, Mass., Harvard Univ. Press.

Readings: On Reserve

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Catalogue Description (*copy from current catalogue*): In this course we examine social, cultural, biological, and learning developmental theories throughout an individual's lifespan, as well as research methods in lifespan development. This course includes the application of theory and research in lifespan development to clinical and other applied situations.

Course Description: In this course we will examine a variety of theoretical perspectives as they apply to various issues that occur across the lifespan. Examples of these issues are the nature-nurture controversy, attachment theory and the impact of early experience, parenting styles, the development of cognition and morality, the development of personality and social relationships, the development of intimate relationships, family processes and the impact of divorce, and developmental changes in adulthood. Clinical implications of the issues covered within the course will also be examined.

Course Goals and Objectives:

1. Develop and demonstrate skill in constructive participation in group discussions related to psychological theories and issues in lifespan development.
2. Develop mastery of the basic principles of different theoretical perspectives in lifespan developmental psychology.
3. Develop an understanding of central developmental issues at different life stages.
4. To develop the ability for in depth analysis of "real life" situations using developmental theory.
5. To understand diversity issues in the context of lifespan developmental theory.

Course Calendar:

Date	Topic	Readings
Sept 4	Introduction to theories of development	Crain CH 1,2,5, Kegan Prologue
Sept 11	Social and emotional development	Crain CH 3,11,13 Tyson & Tyson 295-309 Magai & McFadden Takahashi
Sept 18	Cognitive Development	Crain CH 6, Kegan Ch 1
Sept 25	Development of morality and self concept	Crain CH 7, Kegan CH 2,3 Gilligan & Attanucci Tyson & Tyson 309-313 Kegan CH 6
Oct 2	Parenting	
Oct 9	Cultural Context	Crain CH 10, Kagan, Ogbu
Oct 16	Development of gender roles	Crain CH 8, 9, Kegan CH 5 Chodorow, Pinker, Bussey & Bandura
Oct 23	Midterm, Adolescence	Kegan CH 7 Tyson & Tyson 313-319
Oct 30	Adolescence continued	Crain, CH 12, Erikson Arnett, French et al
Nov 6	Early Adulthood	Arnett, Kegan CH 8
Nov 13	Early Adulthood/Middle Adulthood	Grunebaum & Pittman Fletcher
Nov 20	Middle Adulthood	Crain CH 16, Levinson Stewart & Ostrove
Nov 27	Thanksgiving	
Dec 4	Late Adulthood	Crain CH 18, Caspi
Dec 11	Final Exam	

Course Requirements:

1. Class attendance and participation is vital. This will account for 16 points of your final grade.
2. Weekly discussion question/commentary on assigned readings to be typed and turned in (beginning Sept 11th). Each commentary should open with a question that may be posed for general class discussion. The

commentary itself should demonstrate your thoughtful consideration of an issue raised within the readings. Commentaries should be no longer than one page (single spaced) in length. The commentaries will account for 16 points of your final grade. Late commentaries will not be accepted. Missing commentaries will reduce point total by 4 points per commentary.

3. There will be three film commentaries due across the term. Each commentary should demonstrate your ability to interpret aspects of the film in light of the developmental issues and theories covered in the course. The commentaries must be typed and no longer than three pages (single spaced) in length. The film commentaries will count for 72 points (24 points each) of your final grade. Late commentaries will not be accepted.

4. Midterm exam. This will account for 48 points of your final grade.

5. Final Exam: This will account for 48 points of your final grade.

Evaluation and Assessment:

In grading your written work I will be looking for your ability to critically evaluate and integrate the information that we have been covering in the course. This requires you to go beyond the information given and to reflect on how different perspectives presented within the course relate, to consider the implications and applications of these perspectives, and to make informed decisions about the strengths and weaknesses of these perspectives.

Grades will be assigned as follows:

A	185-200 points
A-	170-184 points
B+	155-169 points
B	140-154 points
B-	125-139 points
C+	110-124 points
C	95-109 points
C-	80-94 points
D	60-79 points
F	below 60 points

Authorization Levels: This course covers material from the following authorization levels: Early Childhood (age 3 – 4th grade), Elementary (3rd – 8th grades), Middle Level (5th – 9th grades), and High School (7th – 12th grades).

Bibliography: See reserves.