

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A TENTATIVE SYLLABUS AND IS SUBJECT TO MINOR CHANGES
BY THE FIRST DAY OF THE SEMESTER

Developmental Psychology
PSY 320 – Spring 2021

Time: 14:40-16:30 on Thursday + Offline lecture
Zoom link: <https://sabanciuniv.zoom.us/j/91964774824?pwd=bUQzREUrU1ZvWDVPajAwd2laSC80Zz09>
Meeting ID: 919 6477 4824 Passcode: 3202021

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Course Overview

Developmental psychology investigates how humans change across the lifespan. This course will discuss physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development that occur across different phases of life and discuss how and why development takes place. Current issues in the field as well as how these issues are investigated will be discussed throughout the course.

Readings

- One or two articles or book chapters will be assigned most of the weeks. The readings will be available on SUCourse one week before the corresponding lecture. Students are expected to read the assigned text material before each lecture.
- Recommended Textbook: Siegler, R. S., Saffran, J., Eisenberg, N., DeLoache, J.S., Gershoff, E., & Leaper, C. (2017). *How Children Develop (Fifth Edition)*. Worth Publishers. ISBN: 1319014232

Grading

The course grades will be determined by allocating 35% to the midterm exam, 40% to the cumulative final exam, and 20% to a group presentation, and 5% to the recap quizzes. At the end of the semester, the letter grades will be assigned by using the following table.

A	90.00 – 100.00	C+	65.00 – 69.99
A-	85.00 – 89.99	C	60.00 – 64.99
B+	80.00 – 84.99	C-	55.00 – 59.99
B	75.00 – 79.99	D+	50.00 – 54.99
B-	70.00 – 74.99	D	45.00 – 49.99
		F	below 45.00

Exams. We will have a midterm exam (35% of the final grade) and a semi-cumulative final exam (40% of the final grade). Students will be tested on the material from lectures and assigned readings. There will be multiple-choice and short answer questions. The final exam will be semi-cumulative. The final exam covers the first half of the course (i.e., before the midterm exam), but some topics may be omitted (the instructor will be announcing these topics).

The regulations of the university specify that our webcam must always be on during exams, and if not, your exams will be void. You must connect to the Zoom link for the course with your official Sabancı University e-mail account, and not utilize other email accounts.

You may take a make-up for a missed exam with an official medical excuse. To take a make-up, you must contact both the instructor and TA in one email **within three days**. In other words, if you miss an exam on Thursday, you must contact us by the following Sunday. More detailed instructions of the exams will be available when the date is closer.

Presentation. Students will do a 15-minute group presentation on one of the topics covered in the course (20% of the final grade). Groups will be determined after the add-drop period, based on the class size and availability. Students are expected to attend or watch presentations by other students. All presentations will be done using Zoom during the normal class hours (14:40-16:30 on Thursday), but will be also recorded and uploaded on SUCourse. Presenters must be in class during the time of their presentation with their face camera on. Due to connection issues etc., if any presentation group prefers to record the presentation beforehand and play the video during class (but answer questions live after playing the video), they may consult the instructor and TA at least one week in advance. Note that, if this pre-recording option is taken, the presentation is expected to be smoother than live presentation, and the time will be strictly limited to 15 minutes.

Recap quizzes. Instead of taking attendance, we will have small recap quizzes throughout the semester (5% of the final grade). These quizzes are very simple, and you can easily answer them if you watch the corresponding lecture or student presentation. You will receive credit if and only if you answer the questions correctly. You will always have at least one day to complete the quiz. The recap quizzes account of 5% of your final grade. **No late submission will be accepted.**

Extra credit. As mentioned on the last page of this syllabus, students can participate in research studies to gain up to 3 bonus points. Students may also receive extra points at the end of the semester for *regularly participating* in class activities and discussion.

Tentative Course Schedule

All lectures will be recorded and be available online on the dates specified below. The dates of the quizzes and midterm are tentative, but no meeting will ever be scheduled outside of our regular class hours (14:40-16:30 on Thursday).

<i>Week</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Lecture Topic and Test</i>
1	February 25	Introduction to Developmental Psychology
2	March 4	Theories and Methods in Developmental Psychology
3	March 11	Prenatal Development and Birth
4	March 18	Infancy
5	March 25	Physical and Cognitive Development in Infancy
6	April 1	Socio-emotional Development in Infancy
7	April 8	MIDTERM
8	April 15	Language Acquisition
9	April 22	Physical and Cognitive Development in Early Childhood
10	April 29	Socio-emotional Development in Early Childhood
11	May 6	Physical and Cognitive Development in Middle Childhood
12	May 13	Socio-emotional Development in Middle Childhood
13	May 20	Adolescence + Presentations
TBA		FINAL EXAM

Communication

For any questions or requests, please email both the instructor and TA in one email. The subject of your email should include the course code (PSY 320) and clearly indicate the content of your email (e.g., "Question about PSY 320 Midterm"). The main body of your email should include the names of the recipient (e.g., "Hello, Dr. Kanero") at the beginning and your full name at the end. The content of your email should be as succinct as possible. You can call the instructor "Hocam", "Dr. Kanero", "Professor Kanero" or even just "Junko," but please refrain from using Mr., Mrs., Miss, or Ms. because these titles are considered very inappropriate in academic settings, and you should never use them when you are talking to professors in English!

Extra Credit - Research Participation (up to 3 bonus points)

Students can optionally serve as participants in research conducted by Sabancı University researchers to earn bonus points. You will be able to sign up for experiments and earn your Research Participation Points through the online Sona system at <http://sabanciuniv.sona-systems.com>. The detail of the system can be found in *Research Points - GuideForStudents Spring 2021 (remote teaching).pdf* on SUCourse.

For this course, you will be able to earn up to 6 Research Participation Points (1 point equals ~ 30 minutes of research participation). These 6 points will be converted to 3 bonus points added to your overall total at the end of the semester. In other words, you receive .5 bonus points for 1 Research Participation Point.

Research points can be still earned if online studies are available. There may be less or no research participation opportunities, but we do not plan to add other extra credit opportunities.

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to obey the Sabancı University Code of Academic Integrity.

<http://www.sabanciuniv.edu/en/academic-integrity-statement>

Scholastic dishonesty of any sort will not be tolerated. Cheating in any form is serious offenses and is considered to be in violation of the College's Academic Integrity Code. Cases of academic dishonesty will be reported and the student will be disciplined accordingly.