SYLLABUS

Course Information:
PSYC 5320.060 – Advanced Study in Human Growth and Development
Fall 2018
ONLINE

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Required Text:

A student at UT-Tyler is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

Course Catalog Description: An advanced study of the synthesis of knowledge concerning sensory-motor skills, communication skills, social-emotional skills, and cognitive functions of learners.

Online Course: This course is 100% online. Your ability to function within the Canvas system will facilitate your success in this course. Online learning requires students to be very self-disciplined. Be sure you understand and are prepared to comply with all required class assignments and deadlines. For this course, refer to the syllabus for all assignments and due dates.

Student-Instructor Interaction: I check email daily and in most cases can reply to students within 24 hours (usually within 48 hours if over the weekend). If not during regularly scheduled office hours, be sure to email if you would like to schedule an appointment.

Student Learning Outcomes & Assessments: After completing this course, students will understand the transitions from infancy to childhood to adulthood. The student will gain a broad knowledge of the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional development of the individual as
well as an understanding of his or her relationships within the family, with peers, and with significant others. In addition, the student will gain knowledge of the aging process.

In order to understand the lifespan and its implications for psychological formulations, theories, and psychotherapy, upon completion of this course, a successful student will be able to demonstrate that he/she can comprehend, define, synthesize, compare/contrast constructs related to:

- Theories of individual and family development and transitions across the lifespan;
- Theories of learning and personality development, including current understandings about neurobiological behavior;
- Effects of crises, disasters, and other trauma-causing events on persons of all ages;
- Theories and models of individual, cultural, couple, family, and community resilience;
- A general framework for understanding exceptional abilities and strategies for differentiated interventions;
- Human behavior, including an understanding of developmental crises, disability, psychopathology, and situational and environmental factors that affect both normal and abnormal behavior;
- Theories for facilitating optimal development and wellness over the life span.

CACREP (2009) STANDARDS HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT (Section II, G)—studies that provide an understanding of the nature and needs of persons at all developmental levels and in multicultural contexts, including all of the following:

- theories of individual and family development and transitions across the life span;
- theories of learning and personality development, including current understandings about neurobiological behavior;
- effects of crises, disasters, and other trauma-causing events on persons of all ages;
- theories and models of individual, cultural, couple, family, and community resilience;
- a general framework for understanding exceptional abilities and strategies for differentiated interventions;
- human behavior, including an understanding of developmental crises, disability,
- psychopathology, and situational and environmental factors that affect both normal and abnormal behavior;
- theories and etiology of addictions and addictive behaviors, including strategies for prevention, intervention, and treatment; and
- theories for facilitating optimal development and wellness over the life span.

**Evaluation and Grading:** Your grade will be comprised of discussion posts, quizzes, and exams.

1) **Discussion Posts:** (22%; 11 required responses, worth 2 points each) Discussion board (DB) responses are thoughtful and accurate reflections on a posted topic or question for the assigned reading for the week. A DB question will be posted each week on Canvas (Under Modules and click on that week’s discussion prompt) and due each week by the due date listed below. **There are 13 opportunities for a DB response, and only 11 will count toward your grade** (lowest 2 scores are dropped). Because you are allowed to drop your lowest score, and DB posts are available for a week (see deadlines listed in schedule below), **there are no make-up**
DB posts, unless serious extenuating circumstances required by university policy warrant it. If these circumstances exist for you, let me know right away.

2) Quizzes (24%; 12 required quizzes at 2 points each):
You will be responsible for taking a timed quiz on each of the chapters covered. The purpose of these quizzes is to help you stay on track with the reading schedule and test your knowledge of the concepts covered in each chapter. These quizzes will be located in Canvas (under the “Modules” tab, and then click on that week’s chapter quiz or quizzes (see schedule below). You may use your book and any notes you have. You are allowed two attempts and your highest score will be counted. You are allowed one hour to complete each quiz. Quizzes may range in the number of questions (usually 10) and will most often consist of multiple choice questions, but may also include short answer or essay questions There are 13 opportunities to take a quiz, and only 12 will count toward your grade (lowest 1 score is dropped). Because you are allowed to drop your lowest score, and quizzes are available for a week (see deadlines listed in schedule below), there are no make-up quizzes, unless serious extenuating circumstances required by university policy warrant it. If these circumstances exist for you, let me know right away.

3) Developmental Interview Paper (6%)
Conduct an interview with an extended adult family member, adult friend, or adult stranger. The individual must be in a different stage of human development than you and could be of a different culture (broadly defined). The individual must be at least late teens/young adult in terms of developmental stage. The interview can range between 1 - 3 hours, most interviews will last approximately an hour and a half. Interview length can depend on factors including how talkative your interviewee is, how quickly they respond to questions, how much they elaborate, how many questions you ask, your interest and comfort level with the content and process of the interview, etc. The purpose of the interview is to have a chance to assess the social, cognitive, physical, emotional, and vocational developmental levels and functioning of the individual as discussed in chapters 11-15. Your interview should address the following themes: significant life events or milestones, relationships (including love/marriage, family, friendships), hardships, accomplishments, goals (achieved and not achieved), career, education, religion and/or spirituality (if applicable), and community.

The paper is NOT a transcript of the interview. Rather, after you have done your interview, your paper should connect what you learned about your interviewee to three of the following themes discussed in chapters 11-15: social, cognitive, physical, emotional, and vocational. In addition, you should explicitly connect examples from your interview to developmental theories discussed in the text regarding the three themes you have chosen of the 5 listed above. For example, you might discuss Super/Holland when discussing your interviewee’s vocational development.

You are welcome to design your own questions for this, or you may use standardized measures or borrow from examples that you are aware of or discover. One such instrument that addresses most of the required themes is the McAdams interview http://www.sesp.northwestern.edu/docs/LifeStoryInterview.pdf, which asks interviewees to describe their lives in terms of "chapters." This type of interview assesses most of the domains
indicated above, but you may need to supplement with your own questions in order to completely address the themes, depending on what your interviewee naturally discusses in response to the prompts.

There are many other "life interview" examples that you can find with a google search. The bottom line for this assignment is that I want you to feel free to have fun and be creative. Feel free to conduct these interviews in person or over video (such as skype, facetime, zoom) or phone modalities.

The body of the paper should be **approximately 3-4 pages single spaced using 12 pt. font Times New Roman and 1” margins**. Upload completed papers to the link provided under the “Modules” tab on Canvas. The deadline for this assignment is Sunday, 12/10, 11:59p CST.

4) Exams (48%; 24 points for Midterm and Final - 48 points total):
These exams will be located in Canvas. You may use your book and any notes you have, but this must be done independently and not with other students. The format of the test may range from multiple-choice to short answer and essay questions. The online exams will be completed in the allotted timeframe as outlined in the course schedule and will be taken in accordance with the following policies:

**Exam Protocol:**
- Exams must be taken in the allotted time period.
- The exam will be timed. You will have **two hours** to complete it.
- The exam must be taken in one sitting. You cannot do part of it and then come back to do the other part later.
- Do not download or print out the exam.
- Do not distribute the exam, in any manner, to any other person.
- Do not take the exam in the same room with another person.
- Canvas will monitor how you take the exam.
- Because you have a multiple-day window in which the exam is available, **there are no make-up exams**, unless serious extenuating circumstances required by university policy warrant it. Exam 1 will be available from 12 a.m. on Monday 10/16 until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday 10/22. Exam 2 will be available from 12 a.m. on SUNDAY 12/9 until 11:59 p.m. on **Thursday 12/13**.

**Summary of Evaluation Methods:**
**Discussion Posts (22%):** 13 available worth 2 points each, only 11 count (drop 2 lowest)

**Weekly Quizzes (24%):** 13 quizzes worth 2 points each, only 12 count (drop the 1 lowest)

**Developmental Interview Paper (6%):** 1 paper worth 6 points

**Exams (48%):** 2 exams worth 24 points each

**Total (100%):** **100 points possible**

**Grading Scale:** A 90-100, B 80-89, C 70-79, D 60-69, F Below 60
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| Week 1    | Chapter 1      | Organizing Themes in Development            | 1) Introduction DB post  
2) Quiz Chapter 1) | 9/2  
SUNDAY  
11:59 p.m. CST |
| 8/27      |                |                                             |                                               |                       |
| Week 2    | Chapter 2      | Epigenesis and the Brain: Fundamentals of Behavioral Development | 1) Discussion Post  
2) Quiz (Chapter 2) | 9/9  
SUNDAY  
11:59 p.m. CST |
| 9/3       |                |                                             |                                               |                       |
| Week 3    | Chapter 3      | Cognitive Development in the Early Years    | 1) Discussion Post  
2) Quiz (Chapter 3) | 9/16  
SUNDAY  
11:59 p.m. CST |
| 9/10      |                |                                             |                                               |                       |
| Week 4    | Chapter 4      | Emotional Development in the Early Years    | 1) Discussion Post  
2) Quiz (Chapter 4) | 9/23  
SUNDAY  
11:59 p.m. CST |
| 9/17      |                |                                             |                                               |                       |
| Week 5    | Chapters 5     | The Emerging Self and Socialization in the Early Years | 1) Discussion Post  
2) Quiz (Chapter 5) | 9/30  
SUNDAY  
11:59 p.m. CST |
| 9/24      |                |                                             |                                               |                       |
| Week 6    | Chapter 6      | Realms of Cognition in Middle Childhood     | 1) Discussion Post  
2) Quiz (Chapter 6) | 10/7  
SUNDAY  
11:59 p.m. CST |
| 10/1      |                |                                             |                                               |                       |
| Week 7    | Chapters 7 & 8 | Gender and Peer Relationships and Self and Moral Development: Middle Childhood Through Early Adolescence | 1) Discussion Post  
2) Quiz (Chapters 7 & 8) | 10/14  
SUNDAY  
11:59 p.m. CST |
| 10/8      |                |                                             |                                               |                       |
| Week 8    | Chapters 1-8   | **Covers Chapters 1-8**                    | **Exam 1**                                    | 10/21  
SUNDAY  
11:59 p.m. CST |
| 10/15     |                |                                             |                                               |                       |
| Week 9    | Chapters 9 & 10| Physical, Cognitive, Identity, & Social Development in Adolescence | 1) Discussion Post (one total for ch. 9 &10)  
2) Quiz (Ch.9 &10) | 10/28  
SUNDAY  
11:59 p.m. CST |
| 10/22     |                |                                             |                                               |                       |
| Week 10   | Chapter 11     | Physical and Cognitive Development in Young Adulthood | 1) Discussion Post  
2) Quiz (Chapter 11) | 11/4  
SUNDAY  
11:59 p.m. CST |
| 10/29     |                |                                             |                                               |                       |
| Week 11 11/5 | Chapter 12 | Socioemotional and Vocational Development in Young Adulthood | 1) Discussion Post 2) Quiz (Chapter 12) | 11/11 SUNDAY 11:59 p.m. CST |
| Week 12 11/12 | Chapter 13 | Cognitive, Personality, and Social Development in Middle Adulthood | 1) Discussion Post 2) Quiz (Chapter 13) | 11/18 SUNDAY 11:59 p.m. CST |
| Week 13 11/19 | THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO CLASSES – ENJOY 😊 |
| Week 14 11/26 | Chapter 14 | Living Well: Stress, Coping, and Life Satisfaction in Adulthood | 1) Discussion Post 2) Quiz (Chapter 14) | 12/2 SUNDAY 11:59 p.m. CST |
| Week 15 12/3 | Chapter 15 | Gains and Losses in Late Adulthood **Developmental Papers Due** | 1) Discussion Post 2) Quiz (Chapter 15) **Paper Due** | 12/9 SUNDAY 11:59 p.m. CST |
| Final Exam OPENS SUNDAY 12/9 | Covers Chapters 9-15 | Exam 2 | 12/13 THURSDAY 11:59 p.m. CST |

* All readings are required
** Quizzes, and exams will be available by 12 a.m. Monday of the week in which they are due, and due by 11:59 p.m. central time Sunday (except for Exam 2 which will open on SUNDAY and be due by 11:59 p.m. THURSDAY) on the due date shown in the schedule above.

**Teaching Strategies:** The class will consist of a collaborative learning community in which all participants share responsibility for the educational process. The instructor will facilitate learning by guiding students to sources of knowledge and promoting independent development and discovery of new knowledge. Online learning requires participation and leadership from each student. Powerpoint notes, assigned readings, online discussion, and independent and collaborative activities will provide a basis for discussion, reflection, and learning. Academic integrity is expected from each student, and plagiarism from any source will not be tolerated and is punishable by failure of the course.

**Getting Started:**
This course will be delivered in an online format using Canvas. To access Canvas, go to [http://www.uttyler.edu/canvas/index.php](http://www.uttyler.edu/canvas/index.php) and login using your UT Tyler credentials. Please contact itsupport@uttyler.edu if you need login assistance.
1. Carefully read the Course Syllabus located under the Modules tab on the left.
2. For more information about your instructor please see "Dr. Sass Introduction and Contact Information" under the Modules tab.
3. Chapter content powerpoints, discussion board prompts, weekly quizzes, and any other information related to chapter content for the week will be located within the Modules tab.
4. Be sure to check your email daily. Announcements related to the course will be sent there and also located within the Announcements link located on the left-side menu.
5. Please enter all class dates/assignments/deadlines in your favorite planner or calendar system.
6. Start working on your readings and assignments and pace yourself. Be sure not to miss due dates as the assignments will not be reopened past the deadline.
7. The modules tab on the left is your best friend for navigating the course. Reading the syllabus is your second best friend and critical for your understanding of all course requirements.
8. Be sure to check your Patriots email account regularly. That is where all course contact emails will be delivered.
9. Please contact me ASAP if you have any questions or problems during the semester. I am here to help you. Also, feel free to let me know if you need anything additional to help your learning this semester. I hope you enjoy the course!

**General Course Policies & Tips**
- Be sure not to fall into the trap of thinking that because you don’t have to be at a particular place at a particular time you can put off this class. Be aware of the deadlines and manage your time.
- As this is an entirely online course you must have basic computer skills and regular access to a computer. You can use the computer labs on campus or your own computer, but lack of computer access is NOT an excuse for missing deadlines, quizzes, or exams. It is not a good idea to use a smart phone to review materials and take exams in this course – you will need a laptop, tablet, desktop computer or equivalent. Make sure you have a plan to be available electronically and to complete all assignments and exams; remember, **there are no make-ups** unless serious extenuating circumstances required by university policy warrant it.
- If you encounter technical difficulties, please contact itsupport@patriots.uttyler.edu first. If the issue is taking a substantial amount of time to resolve and is affecting your ability to keep up with the course or complete a task, then please let me know the situation.
- If you feel that there is an error in any of your grades, please contact the TA or course instructor and we will look into it.
- We want you to succeed. If you are struggling, please contact us.

**College of Education and Psychology Mission Statement:**
The mission of the College of Education and Psychology is to provide a positive environment that fosters the acquisition of knowledge and skills. The mission is individually and collectively realized through a community of scholars that contributes to knowledge through scholarly inquiry; organizes knowledge for application, understanding and communication; and provides leadership and service. Additionally, the College is committed to affirming and promoting global perspectives, cultural diversity, and respect for individual differences as a means of enhancing learning, service, and scholarship.

**College of Education and Psychology Vision Statement:**
The College of Education and Psychology is nationally recognized and respected for its academic programs and opportunities. It is a center of academic excellence, scholarly inquiry, and public service. The College prepares leaders to meet the critical challenges of the 21st Century, to make significant contributions to local and global communities, and to work toward individual and cultural equity.

**Clinical Psychology Program Mission Statement:**
The Master of Science in Clinical Psychology is intended to educate students in the scientific bases, diagnostic, assessment and therapeutic methods, philosophies, skills and ethics of clinical psychology to prepare them for roles in clinical practice and research. Students may complete a general Clinical Psychology program, or a specialization in either Clinical Neuropsychology or School Psychology. Based on the student’s chosen specialization, the program provides the necessary coursework foundation for various state licensures to include the Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Psychological Associate, and Licensed Specialist in School Psychology. The Clinical Psychology core curriculum outcomes are aligned with national standards for masters level programs in applied psychology, from the Masters in Psychology Accreditation Council (MPAC).

Clinical Psychology M.S. Program Learning Outcomes may be found at: [http://www.utt Tyler.edu/psychology/ClinicalPsychPLO](http://www.utt Tyler.edu/psychology/ClinicalPsychPLO)

**Counseling Psychology Program Mission Statement:**
The Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology program is intended to prepare students to counsel persons experiencing emotional distress through development of specific competencies in human growth and development, assessment, counseling/therapy theories and methods and practice, cultural diversity, group counseling, career development, research methods and ethical counseling practices. Students who complete their programs and get their degrees are well-prepared for the Licensed Professional Counselor state licensing examination and are employed in a variety of mental health settings. Students may complete a generalist program or specialize in marriage and family counseling. Students specializing in couple and family counseling acquire additional competencies in marriage and family theories, counseling interventions and ethics. The core program curriculum is designed to align with national Counseling standards of the Council on the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

Counseling Psychology M.A. Program Learning Outcomes may be found at: [http://www.utt Tyler.edu/psychology/CounselingPsychPLO](http://www.utt Tyler.edu/psychology/CounselingPsychPLO)

**University Policies:**

**Students Rights and Responsibilities**
To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: [http://www.utt Tyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php](http://www.utt Tyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php)

**Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies**
Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are
available in the Enrollment Services Center or at http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar. Each semester’s Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions that students need to be aware of. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a “W” grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

**State-Mandated Course Drop Policy**

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

**Disability/Accessibility Services:** In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University of Tyler at Texas offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible a diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD, ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment, you are encouraged to visit [https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler](https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler) and fill out the New Student application.

The Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with Cynthia Lowery, Assistant Director Student Services/ADA Coordinator. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at [http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices](http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices), the SAR office
located in the University Center, UC 3150, or call (903) 566-7079.

**Student Absence due to Religious Observance**
Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

**Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities**
If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

**Social Security and FERPA Statement:**
It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

**Emergency Exits and Evacuation:**
Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor’s directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

**Student Standards of Academic Conduct**
Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

(i) “Cheating” includes, but is not limited to:
- copying from another student’s test paper;
- using during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
- failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
- possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed “crib notes”. The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
- using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
- collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
- discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
• divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructor has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;
• substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
• paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program, or information about an unadministered test, test key, homework solution or computer program;
• falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
• taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of U. T. Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and,
• misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.

(ii) “Plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another’s work and the submission of it as one’s own academic work offered for credit.

(iii) “Collusion” includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.