

**Angelina College**  
**Liberal Arts-Social Behavioral Sciences (Internet)**  
**PSYC 2314- Life-Span Growth & Development.**

**I. BASIC COURSE INFORMATION:**

**A. Course Description:**

**PSYC 2314- Life-Span Growth & Development. Three hours credit.**

Life-Span Growth and Development is a study of development from conception to death with emphasis on factors which influence growth and development. Consideration will be given to social, emotional, cognitive, and physical growth.

**B. Intended Audience:**

The intended audience is any student who desires to improve their knowledge and understanding of psychology and meet the requirement of their academic program.

**C. Instructor:**

Office Location: SBS 102 B

Office Hours:

M 10:50-11:20 1:10-2:20

W 11-1:00

T 2:30-4:00

R 11:00-11:25

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**II. INTENDED STUDENT OUTCOMES:**

**A. Core Objectives Required for this Course**

**1. Critical Thinking:** to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information

**2. Communication:** to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication

**3. Empirical and Quantitative Skills:** to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions

**4. Social Responsibility:** to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making

**B. Course Learning Outcomes for all Sections**

**Upon successful completion of this course, students will:**

**1.** Identify the stages of the developing person at different periods of the life span from birth to death.

**2.** Identify the social, political, economic, and cultural forces that affect the development process of the individual.

**3.** Identify factors of responsible personal behavior with regard to issues such as sexual activity, substance abuse, marriage, and parenting.

**4.** Identify the biosocial, cognitive and psychological influences throughout the lifespan as an ongoing set of processes, involving both continuity and change.

5. Identify the different developmental perspectives of the major theories of development (i.e. cognitive, learning, humanistic and psychodynamic).
6. Identify examples of some of the cultural and ethnic differences that influence development throughout the lifespan.
7. Demonstrate critical thinking and cognitive processing abilities by careful, thoughtful reading and clear written expression through written assignments and class interaction.
8. Identify the various causes or reasons for disturbances in the developmental process.

### **III. ASSESSMENT MEASURES**

#### **A. Assessments for the Core Objectives:**

- 1. Critical Thinking:** Students will demonstrate the ability to think creatively, to innovate, inquire, and analyze, evaluate and synthesize information. Outcome will be assessed using the Angelina College standardized rubric.
- 2. Communication:** Students will demonstrate the ability to effectively develop, interpret and express ideas through written, oral and visual communication. Outcome will be assessed using the Angelina College standardized rubric.
- 3. Empirical and Quantitative Skills:** Students will demonstrate the ability to manipulate and to analyze numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions. Outcome will be assessed using the Angelina College standardized rubric.
- 4. Social Responsibility:** Students will demonstrate the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making. Outcome will be assessed using the Angelina College standardized rubric.

#### **B. Assessments for Course Learning Outcomes**

##### **Upon successful completion of this course, students will:**

1. Students will demonstrate the ability to identify the stages of the developing person at different periods of the life span from birth to death. Outcome will be assessed using the Angelina College standardized rubric.
2. Students will demonstrate the ability to identify the social, political, economic, and cultural forces that affect the development process of the individual. Outcome will be assessed using the Angelina College standardized rubric.
3. Students will demonstrate the ability to Identify factors of responsible personal behavior with regard to issues such as sexual activity, substance abuse, marriage, and parenting. Outcome will be assessed using the Angelina College standardized rubric.
4. Students will demonstrate the ability to identify the biosocial, cognitive and psychological influences throughout the lifespan as an ongoing set of processes, involving both continuity and change. Outcome will be assessed using the Angelina College standardized rubric.
5. Students will demonstrate the ability to identify the different developmental perspectives of the major theories of development (i.e. cognitive, learning, humanistic and psychodynamic). Outcome will be assessed using the Angelina College standardized rubric.
6. Students will demonstrate the ability to identify examples of some of the cultural and ethnic differences that influence development throughout the lifespan. Outcome will be assessed using the Angelina College standardized rubric.
7. Students will demonstrate the ability to identify the various causes or reasons for disturbances in the developmental process. Outcome will be assessed using the Angelina College standardized rubric.

#### **IV. INSTRUCTIONAL PROCEDURES:**

- A. Methods used to teach this class will include lectures, discussion, web based instruction, exams and written assignments.

#### **V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND POLICIES:**

- A. A Topical Approach to Life-Span Psychology 8<sup>th</sup> edition (Connect Access card is required)
- B. See Calendar for Assignment dates

#### **B. Course Policies – This course conforms to the policies of Angelina College as stated in the Angelina College Handbook.**

- 1. Academic Assistance** –Academic Assistance – If you have a disability (as cited in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990) that may affect your participation in this class, you should see Sellestine Hunt, Associate Dean of Student Services, Student Center, Room 200. At a post-secondary institution, you must self-identify as a person with a disability; Ms. Hunt will assist you with the necessary information to do so. To report any complaints of discrimination related to disability, you should contact Mr. Steve Hudman, Dean of Student Affairs, in Student Center, Room 101, [\(936\) 633-5292](tel:9366335292) or by email [shudman@angelina.edu](mailto:shudman@angelina.edu).
- 2. Attendance** –You must post at least once a week or email me at least once a week failure to do so could result in your being dropped from the class. You will be dropped if you go two week without any activity in the class. **You must officially drop a class or risk receiving an F.** This is official Angelina College Policy.
- 3. Additional Policies Established by the Instructor**

##### **Conduct**

I have a few codes of conduct. Please be nice to each other on the discussion board. Use proper internet etiquette. If you have a problem please let me know.

##### **PROTECT YOUR GPA!**

To avoid getting an F in this or any class, if and when you decide to no longer attend class, DROP THE CLASS OFFICIALLY!

##### **Communication**

***You may contact me through the blackboard email or by phone.***

##### **Participation**

Participation in the form of postings and discussions are expected. You will receive a grade for participating.

##### **Expectations**

I expect you to read the textbook. Do not get behind in your reading. If you get behind, you will fail. I expect you to work hard in my class. Make earning an A your goal. You may not earn an A, but the only way to do well in any course is to shoot for the A. If you shoot for the moon and don't make it, at least you are among the stars. However; if you shoot for the trees and don't make it, you'll hit the ground hard, Aim high.

### **Connect Learn Smart Modules**

There are 16 Learn Smart assignment that you must complete. They can be found in the Content section of the blackboard. You will also have a comprehensive final.

### **Assigned Work**

Please make two copies of all assigned work submitted. Submit one to me, and keep one for yourself throughout the duration of the semester. **Submit your work via the Blackboard assignment drop box. Save your work as a rich text file and send it as an attachment. If you do not know how to attach a document contact me.** You are responsible for all information in the book. You are responsible for asking me about missed work. If I can not open it then I can not grade it. So, save your work as a rich text formatted paper.

Part of my job as an Instructor is not only to teach you Psychology, but also to prepare you for what lies ahead, whether it is joining the workforce or more years as a student. I take my job seriously.

### **Late Assignments**

Written assignments submitted late will receive a 15% per day deduction. I will not take any written assignment beyond three days late. I reserved the right to make an exception if there are extraordinary circumstances, such as a death. However; I will need documentation. Any online testing opportunity will expire at the designated due. The online tests will not be counted if you do then past the due date.

## **VI. COURSE OUTLINE**

- **16 Learn Smart-Module (Connect)**  
**(I will not accept them if you do them past due date.)**
- **Participation Grade:** *Discussion Board.*
- **Midterm (Chapters 1-9)**
- **Social Responsibility Discussion**
- **Comprehensive Final**
- **Case Study Report**
- **Annotated Bibliography**
- **Research Paper**
- **Extra Credit:**  
Create your own tests that consist of three chapters; 1,2,3; 4,5,6; 7,8,9; 10,11,12; 13,14,15. Test must be 50 questions long and must include the answers. Also, the test cannot be all true false.

**VII. EVALUATION AND GRADING:**

A = 89-100

B=79-88

C=69-78

D=59-68

F= 58 and below

All grades are equal. To find the course average, add all the grades together and divide by the number of grades. You will have twelve total grades in this course.

**(23 divided by 22 grades. If you do not do the Learn Smarts then you will fail.)**

## Due Dates

September 10 – Module 1

(Chapters 1-3 Test)

Critical Thinking Assignments

October 1- Module 2

(Chapters 4-6)

Critical Thinking Assignments

October 2- Social Responsibility Flyer

Tell me how you will be Socially

Responsible in you field?

October 8- Report

October 23- Midterm-Self Reflective Paper

October 29 – Module 3 (Chapters 7-9)

November 19- Module 4 (10-12)

November 26-Annotated Bibliography

Research Your Dream Career

December 3- Group Case Study Project

December 9-10- Final

