

ISN111
DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

Unit Description

Developmental Psychology will provide an in-depth exploration of the human developmental process from conception until death. This unit will highlight major developmental concepts and theories and how they relate to the fundamental biological, cognitive, social, and cultural phenomena across the lifespan. Topics covered include the development of the brain, sensory perception, and the self. Socio-emotional development, moral development, and developmental psychopathology will also be explored in this unit.

Required Textbooks and Readings*

Siegelman, C., Rider, E., & DeGeorge-Walker, L. (2016). *Life span human development*. (2nd ed.). Melbourne, VIC: Cengage

**Textbooks may be subject to change prior to the start of semester*

Administrative Details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Core or Elective	Level	Unit Coordinator	Other Teaching Staff
Bachelor of Psychology	One semester	Core	First year, Semester 2	Dr David Butler	N/A

Unit weighting as a percentage of the year

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
12.5	400

Student workload

No. timetabled hours per week	No. personal study hours per week	Total workload hours per week
4-hours (1 x 2-hour lecture; 1 x 2-hour face-face tutorial)	6-hours	10-hours

Learning Outcomes and Assessments

Learning outcomes for Unit
I. Demonstrate an enhanced understanding of the major developmental concepts and theories and discuss how they relate to stages across the lifespan
II. Integrate the major areas of biological, cognitive, social, and cultural development to the major stages throughout the life span
III. Develop a critical understanding of various research methodologies [cross sectional, longitudinal, etc.] as they are applied to life span development
IV. Demonstrate an enhanced ability to critically review, discuss, evaluate and write about topical issues in the developmental psychological literature

Overview of Assessment Tasks

Assessment Tasks	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)	Unit Learning Outcomes
Essay [1,500 words]	40%	I, II, III, IV
Tutorial activities [Attendance and participation in discussions, debates, presentations, tests, and/or quizzes]	20%	I, II, III, IV
Examination [60 item multiple choice items and 5 short answer test items]	40%	I, II, III, IV



Delivery mode

Face to face on site; Full-time or Part-time study

Pre-requisites and co-requisites

Pass grade in all Year 1, Semester 1 units

Other Resource and Requirements

None.

**Unit outlines may be subject to change. The most up-to-date outlines will be provided to students once the semester commences.*