

ISN401 LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT AND PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

Unit Description

Lifespan Development and Psychopathology offers a systematic developmental overview and analysis of the major theories relating to various psychopathologies across the lifespan. Along with an increased understanding of psychopathologies, students will learn the key concepts, strengths and limitations of influential developmental theories as applied within psychopathological settings.

Administrative Details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Core or Elective	Level
Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)	One semester	Core	Fourth year, Semester 1

Unit weighting as a percentage of the year

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
12.5	100

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 1-hr face-to-face tutorial; 1 x 1-hr online activities)	6-hours	10-hours

Learning Outcomes and Assessments

Learning outcomes for Unit: Upon successful completion of this unit, the student should be able to:
I. Describe key stages of development, and how these stages relate to various developmental theories across the whole of life.
II. Conceptualize the onset and course of psychopathologies within developmental and cultural contexts.
III. Understand the philosophical and methodological issues associated with applying developmental theories to psychopathological settings.
IV. Describe (within a bio-psychosocial framework) a particular case of developmental psychopathology, applying the major theoretical approaches in terms of diagnosis, course, and prognosis.
V. Clearly communicate psychological concepts relating to development and psychopathology (written and verbal).

Overview of Assessment Tasks

Assessment Tasks	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)	Unit Learning Outcomes
Debate	10%	I, III, V
Case Study	40%	II, III, IV, V
Examination	40%	I, II, III, V
Tutorial Activities	10%	I, II, III, IV, V

Delivery mode

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

Pre-requisites and co-requisites

None

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*