



Course Syllabus: Developmental Psychology

PSYC 3233 Section 201
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Course Description

Goals:

1. Become acquainted with expected psychological and emotional developmental milestones of the human life span.
 - a. Have realistic expectations of small children, adolescents, and young adults.
 - b. Learn about various parenting responses given a child's age.
 - c. Develop an appreciation for midlife and end-of-life transitions.
2. Prepare for one's own developmental path and consider the future.
3. Understand the biology behind early life span development and sociology (with biological limits) of later life span development.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Required: Riser, D. R., Spielman, R., & Biek, D. (2024). Lifespan Development. Rice University, [OpenStax](https://openstax.org/details/books/lifespan-development). <https://openstax.org/details/books/lifespan-development>

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of

work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct. [Office of Student Conduct](#)

Moffett Library

Moffett Library provides resources and services to support student's studies and assignments, including books, peer-reviewed journals, databases, and multimedia materials accessible both on campus and remotely. The library offers media equipment checkout, reservable study rooms, and research assistance from librarians to help students effectively find, evaluate, and use information. Get started on this [Moffett Library webpage](#) to explore these resources and learn how to best utilize the library.

Grading

Table 1: Points allocated to each assignment

Assignments	Points
Personal Application Assignments (12 x 10pts)	120
Participation	30
Exams (4 x 100pts)	400
Total	550

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

Grade	Points
A	550 - 495
B	494 - 440
C	439 - 385
D	384 - 330
F	329 or below

Homework

(120 Points) Personal Application Assignments- Answer **2** or more personal application questions from the textbook at the end of each chapter. Will be submitted in D2L as word documents.

Exams

(400 Points) Each **Exam** will be worth 100 points. All four exams will be multiple choice with each question randomly selected from the large test bank. I reserve the right to add essay questions at any point during the course.

Late Work

Late homework submissions will be accepted with a 2-point deduction per day.

Make Up Work/Tests

Missed exams will be made up during the last week of class and will be docked one letter grade, unless prior arrangements have been made.

Important Dates

- Last day for term schedule changes: 8/27/26
- Deadline to file for graduation: 9/21/26
- Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:"10/7/26
- Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

Attendance

Participation- Students are expected to be present and show active listening skills. Attendance will be taken **6** times randomly throughout the semester. Each will be worth **5** points.

Online Computer Requirements

Taking an online class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. ****Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments, tests, or discussion postings.*** Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. ****Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!!*** There are many places to access your class! Our online classes can be accessed from any computer in the world which is connected to the internet. Contact your instructor immediately upon having computer trouble. If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student helpdesk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student

computers due to both liability and resource limitations however they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into [D2L](#).

Recording Classes

****Recording classes is generally prohibited without the professor's explicit permission.*** Such recordings, when permitted, are for personal use only and may not be uploaded to the internet or otherwise shared, transmitted, or published without the professor's prior consent. Some faculty may not permit recordings of their classes. When it is feasible and appropriate, students may record classes to accommodate disabilities under the Americans With Disabilities Act, with prior approval of Disability Support Services. Such recordings may not be uploaded to the internet or otherwise shared, transmitted, or published.

Instructor Class Policies

Artificial Intelligence (AI)- Written assignments will be run through a plagiarism and AI checker called Turn It In. If at any point Turn It In identifies that a student used AI to complete an assignment (such as ChatGPT), an automatic grade of zero will be given to the assignment.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exists in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Student Wellness Center, (940) 397-4140.

Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

Emergency Aid Resources for Basic Needs

Unexpected life circumstances can affect anyone. If you are experiencing challenges meeting basic needs—such as housing, utilities, food, transportation, healthcare, technology, textbooks or other life necessities, resources may be available to help. Visit the [Student Emergency Support and Resources webpage](#) to learn more, and explore emergency support opportunities through MSU and how to access them. For additional information, please contact the Office of Student Affairs: Clark Student Center #108, (940) 397-7500, student.affairs@mstuexas.edu.

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Campus Carry

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes has prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [Campus Carry](#).

Active Shooter

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit [MSUReady – Active Shooter](#). Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled “*Run. Hide. Fight.*” which may be electronically accessed via the University police department’s webpage: [“Run. Hide. Fight.”](#)

***Notice:** Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

Course Schedule:

Week	Activity	Due Date
8/24 - 8/28	Introduction/Chapter 1	Chap 1 HW
8/31 - 9/4	Chapter 2	Chap 2 HW
9/7 - 9/11	*Labor Day* / Chapter 3	Chap 3 HW
9/14 - 9/18	Exam 1	Exam 1
9/21 - 9/25	Chapter 4	Chap 4 HW
9/28 - 10/2	Chapter 5	Chap 5 HW
10/5 - 10/9	Chapter 6	Chap 6 HW
10/12 - 10/16	Exam 2	Exam 2
10/19 - 10/23	Chapter 8	Chap 8 HW
10/26 - 10/30	Chapter 9	Chap 9 HW
11/2 - 11/6	Chapter 12	Chap 12 HW
11/9 - 11/13	Exam 3	Exam 3
11/16 - 11/20	Chapter 14	Chap 14 HW
11/23 - 11/27	*Thanksgiving* / Chapter 16	
11/30 - 12/4	Chapter 17	Chap 16/17 HW
12/5 - 12/11	Exam 4	Exam 4