

PSYC10: Introduction to Developmental Psychology

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Tu/Th 9:00-12:30 Cowell Acad, 113

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Communication: You can send me an email or drop by my office hours. I respond to emails Mondays through Fridays before 5:00pm. The expected wait time is 24 hours, excluding weekends. Office hours are a great way to get support for your learning. Make sure to stop by at least once or twice!

Course Description:

This course introduces psychological research on human development from the prenatal period through adolescence. It aims to address two main questions: (1) How do children change their understanding of and interaction with the world and (2) How do multiple forces (e.g., biology, context) interact to shape development?

Learning Objectives:

1. To become familiar with the key concepts, theories, and empirical research in development psychology. This will be assessed primarily by quizzes.
2. To think and write critically about developmental research by considering race, culture, socioeconomic status, and/or gender, to promote equity and inclusion in the field of developmental psychology and its applications. This will be assessed by the empirical thought papers and in-class assignments.
3. To connect research-based knowledge with children's everyday experiences. This will be assessed primarily by in-class assignments, lecture participation, and empirical thought papers.
4. To communicate ideas and arguments about developmental psychology in a professional way. This will be assessed by lecture participation and paper assignments.

Course Requirements:



All course assignments will be administered through Canvas. Checking Canvas frequently will help you succeed in this course! If you need help navigating our course Canvas site, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.



Please bring a device (e.g., laptop, tablet) to class. You will complete in-class assignments or quizzes through Canvas in every class session. If you do not have access to a tablet or laptop computer, please let me know as soon as possible!



The required textbook is: Lightfoot, C., Cole, M., & Cole, S.R. (2018). *The Development of Children*, 8th Edition.

Hardcover ISBN-10: 1319135730 ISBN-13: 978-1319135737

E-book ISBN-10: 1464178895 ISBN-13: 978-1464178894

**The library has our textbook on reserve for your use! [Here is the link to the library reserve copy](#)

Course Structure and Assessment:

There are four types of assessments in this course to help you (and Sam) track your learning:

Type of Assessment	Frequency	Due Date	Percent of Total Grade
Quizzes	Once Per Week, 1 dropped	Every Tuesday (in class)	15%
In-Class Assignments	Once Per Week, 1 dropped	Every Thursday (in class)	25%
Learning Activities	Twice per week, 1 dropped	Every Tuesday and Thursday (in class)	20%
Empirical Thought Paper	One per Quarter	Friday at 5:00pm **YOU choose one Friday: Week 2, 3, 5**	20%
Observation Activity	One per quarter	Friday at 5:00pm: Week 4 (8/25)	20%

Study Recommendations:

- Before each class session: Skim the textbook chapters
- During each class session:
 - Participate fully in lecture by taking notes and asking questions
 - Thoughtfully complete all in-class assignments and activities
 - Stay until the end of each class session to work on your papers (Sam will be there to help you!)
- After each class session:
 - Review any challenging content in the textbook to prepare for the next quiz
 - Spend some time working on your papers. Try to get the empirical thought paper done as soon as you can!

Late Assignment Policy: Course assignments are designed to help you engage deeply with course material and stay on track during this fast-paced 5 week course! Late assignments will have a 10% deduction from the final grade for each day the assignment is late. It will benefit your learning to turn in assignments on time; however, I realize that students often juggle multiple responsibilities and sometimes need flexibility with due dates. If you anticipate you will need extra time to complete an assignment due to external circumstances, please know that you should feel comfortable reaching out to me to arrange for an alternative due date. I just ask that you communicate about this as soon as possible.

Course Participation and Attendance: The way to get the most out of this course is to attend every lecture and to actively participate. There are many ways to participate including: being present, taking notes, contributing to class discussions, completing in-class activities, and engaging in small group work. Although attendance does not impact your overall grade per se, in-class quizzes, assignments, and learning activities are only administered in class. Therefore, missing a class will result in you missing the opportunity to complete graded assignments. If an emergency, illness, or caregiving responsibilities make it difficult to attend a lecture or complete course activities, please let me know. We can work together to come up with a plan that allows you to complete all course requirements. Each student will be allowed to drop one in-class assignment, one quiz, and one active learning activity from their final grade.

Scores to Letter Grade:

A+	97.0-100	A	93.0-96.9	A-	90.0-92.9
B+	87.0-89.9	B	83.0-86.9	B-	80.0-82.9
C+	77.0-79.9	C	70.0-76.9	D	60.0-69.9
F	<60.0	Note: D and F are not passing grades.			

Academic Integrity:

All members of the UCSC community benefit from an environment of trust, honesty, fairness, respect, and responsibility. You are expected to present your own work and acknowledge the work of others in order to preserve the integrity of scholarship.

Academic integrity includes:

- Following quiz rules
- Keeping what you know about a quiz to yourself
- Incorporating proper citation of all sources of information
- Submitting your own original work

Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Copying/purchasing any material from another student, or from another source, that is submitted for grading as your own
- Using ChatGPT to complete assignments
- Plagiarism, including use of Internet material without proper citation
- Submitting your own work in one class that was completed for another class (self-plagiarism) without prior permission from the instructor.

Violations of the Academic Integrity policy can result in dismissal from the university and a permanent notation on a student's transcript. For the full policy and disciplinary procedures on academic dishonesty, students and instructors should refer to the Academic Misconduct page at the Division of Undergraduate Education.

Accessibility:

UCSC is committed to creating an academic environment that supports its diverse student body. If you are a student with a disability who requires accommodations to achieve equal access in this course, please affiliate with the DRC. I encourage all students to benefit from learning more about DRC services to contact DRC by phone at 831-459-2089 or by email at drc@ucsc.edu. For students already affiliated, make sure that you have requested Academic Access Letters. You can also request to meet privately with me during my office hours or by appointment, as soon as possible. I would like us to discuss how we can implement your accommodations in this course to ensure your access and full engagement in this course.

Campus Resources:

UCSC provides many services to support students on campus, including Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), tutoring services, and Slug Support. For a list of these services, with links, please see the "Student Services" module on our canvas page.

TITLE IX/CARE ADVISORY

UC Santa Cruz is committed to providing a safe learning environment that is free of all forms of gender discrimination and sexual harassment, which are explicitly prohibited under Title IX. If you have experienced any form of sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, know that you are not alone. The Title IX Office, the Campus Advocacy, Resources & Education (CARE) office, and Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) are all resources that you can rely on for support.

Please be aware that if you tell me about a situation involving Title IX misconduct, I am required to share this information with the Title IX Coordinator. This reporting responsibility also applies to course TAs and tutors (as well to all UCSC employees who are not designated as “confidential” employees, which is a special designation granted to counselors and CARE advocates). Although I have to make that notification, you will control how your case will be handled, including whether or not you wish to pursue a formal complaint. The goal is to make sure that you are aware of the range of options available to you and that you have access to the resources you need.

Confidential resources are available through [CARE](#). Confidentiality means CARE advocates will not share any information with Title IX, the police, parents, or anyone else without explicit permission. CARE advocates are trained to support you in understanding your rights and options, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, helping with legal protective orders, and more. You can contact CARE at (831) 502-2273 or care@ucsc.edu.

In addition to CARE, these resources are available to you:

- If you need help figuring out what resources you or someone else might need, visit the [Sexual Violence Prevention & Response \(SAFE\) website](#), which provides information and resources for different situations.
- [Counseling & Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) can provide confidential counseling support. Call them at (831) 459-2628.
- You can report gender discrimination and sexual harassment and violence directly to the University’s [Title IX Office](#) by calling (831) 459-2462 or by using their [online reporting tool](#).
- Reports to law enforcement can be made to the UC Police Department, (831) 459-2231 ext. 1.

For emergencies, call 911.

Assignments

Empirical Thought Paper:

Learning objectives targeted by this assignment:

- LO 2: To think and write critically about developmental research by considering race, culture, socioeconomic status, and/or gender, in order to promote equity and inclusion in the field of developmental psychology and its applications.
- LO 3: To connect research-based knowledge with children's everyday experience.
- LO 4: To communicate ideas and arguments about developmental psychology in a professional way.

How to Complete the Assignment:

1. Choose an article to read and summarize
 - a. Canvas→modules→empirical articles
2. Read the article, making annotations about what you think are the most important parts of each section
3. Summarize the article briefly, but in enough detail to give the reader a clear idea of how the study was conducted. Make sure to summarize in your own words. Use the following guidelines to help you describe the study (about 1 page double-spaced):
 - a. Write one to two sentences on the research question and hypothesis, including the dependent and independent variables.
 - b. Write about three sentences on the method, including information about:
 - i. the participants and
 - ii. what the participants did in the study
 - c. Write about two sentences on the findings.
 - d. Write about two sentences on the conclusions. Was the hypothesis supported? What are some of the real-world implications?
4. Make an extension by a.) connecting the article to the lives of children or b.) by critiquing some aspect of the study. Here are some prompts to help you (choose just one of these prompts; write ½ to 1 page double-spaced).
 - a. Do the results of the study align (or misalign) with observations you've made of children you know?
 - b. Do any aspects of the paper privilege the experiences of children from a particularly community? Does the study ignore the perspectives of children and families from underserved communities?
 - c. What curiosities did this study spark for you? What would be some interesting next steps for the authors?
 - d. Do you think the methods used are appropriate to the conclusions drawn?

Observation Activity:

Learning objectives targeted by this assignment:

- LO 3: To connect research-based knowledge with children's everyday experience.
- LO 4: To communicate ideas and arguments about developmental psychology in a professional way.

How to Complete the Assignment:

1. Watch both Observation Project Videos
2. Take notes on your observations and interpretations using the table format practiced in class (you will have two separate tables, one for each video).
3. Make sure your notes have enough detail that the reader can fully reconstruct what happened in the video. Include interpretations that are unbiased and focus on important aspects of the observed behavior (see rubrics on Canvas for more detail).
4. Write about the methods used to make your observations (about ½ page double-spaced). This should include:
 - a. A description of the participants
 - b. A description of the context/setting
 - c. The procedure you used to make your observations. This should have enough detail that someone else could replicate what you did.
5. *Extra Credit: Write at least one paragraph linking one of your observations to material learned in class. This paragraph should have the following format:
 - a. Describe the observation and interpretation you made (in about two sentences).
 - b. How does this observation relate to a topic studied in class?
 - i. Summarize the topic from lecture or the textbook (in at least one sentence)
 - ii. Write at least two sentences about how the observation either a.) illustrates the class topic, or b.) how the observation deviates in some way from the content learned in class.

Weekly Schedule

Week	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 T: 8/01 Th: 8/3	Lecture Topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theories, Central Issues, and Methods Prenatal Development Active Learning Lab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introducing the Empirical Thought Paper Assignment How to read and summarize a research article 	Lecture Topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birth and Newborns The First 3 Months Active Learning Lab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to read and summarize a research article, Practice summarizing and extending, APA formatting 	Due by 5:00pm: N/A
	Due Before Class: N/A	Due Before Class: Read Chapters 3 and 4	
	Due In Class (by 12:30): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quiz #1 (Syllabus and Introductions) Learning Activity 1: Practice Article Summary 	Due In Class (by 12:30): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-Class Assignment #1 Learning Activity 2: Practice Article Extension 	
*Add/Swap: Thursday August 3, 2023			
Week 2 T: 8/8 Th: 8/10	Lecture Topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infancy: Physical and Cognitive Development Active Learning Lab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time to work on empirical article thought paper Introduce Observation Activity 	Lecture Topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infancy: Social and Emotional Development Active Learning Lab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice Observations 	Due by 5:00pm: You can turn in your Empirical Article Thought Paper this week. You decide!
	Due Before Class: Read Chapter 5	Due Before Class: Read Chapter 6	
	Due In Class (by 12:30 pm): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quiz #2 (Covering lecture content from Week 1) Learning Activity 3: APA Style 	Due In Class (by 12:30 pm): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-Class Assignment #2 Learning Activity 4: Practice Observations 	

	*Drop - Monday, August 7 (tuition reversed)		
Week 3 T: 8/15 Th: 8/17	Lecture Topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Development • Early Childhood: Physical and Cognitive Development Active Learning Lab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time to work on Observation Activity 	Lecture Topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood: Social and Emotional Development Active Learning Lab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time to work on Observation Activity 	Due by 5:00pm: You can turn in your Empirical Article Thought Paper this week. You decide!
	Due Before Class: Read Chapters 7 and 8	Due Before Class: Read Chapter 9	
	Due In Class (by 12:30): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz #3 (Covering lecture content from Week 2) • Learning Activity 5: Practice Interpretations 	Due In Class (by 12:30): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Class Assignment #3 • Learning Activity 6: Practice Writing Methods 	
Week 4 T: 8/22 Th: 8/24	Lecture Topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle Childhood: Context of Schooling • Middle Childhood: Physical and Cognitive Development • Active Learning Lab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observation activity Peer Review 	Lecture Topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle Childhood: Social and Emotional Development Active Learning Lab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD 	Due by 5:00pm: Observation Activity
	Due Before Class: Read Chapter 11	Due Before Class: Read Chapter 13	
	Due In Class (by 12:30): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz #4 (Covering lecture material from Week 3) • Learning Activity 7 	Due In Class (by 12:30): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Class Assignment #4 • Learning Activity 8 	
	*Request "W" Grade - Sunday, August 20 (no tuition reversal)		
Week 5 T: 8/28 Th: 8/31	Lecture Topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adolescence: Cognitive and Physical Development 	Lecture Topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adolescence: Social and Emotional Development 	Due by 5:00pm: You can turn in

	Active Learning Lab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool in Three Cultures 	Active Learning Lab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool in Three Cultures 	your Empirical Article Thought Paper this week. You decide!
	Due Before Class: Read Chapter 14	Due Before Class: Read Chapter 15	
	Due In Class (by 12:30): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz #5 (Covering Lecture Material from Week 4) • Learning activity 9: Preschool in Three Cultures 	Due In Class (by 12:30): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Class Assignment #5 • Learning activity 10: Feedback and Reflection 	
*Change Grade Option - Sunday, August 27			