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Life-Span Development - 11th Edition. (Note that the CD that comes with a new text is NOT required)
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Course Description:

This course examines physical, cognitive and psychosocial development throughout the human lifespan from conception to death. Special emphasis is placed on culture, family relationships, and the interplay of genes and environment. Attention is also devoted to the practical application of research findings to ongoing developmental issues.

Tests and Grading:

You are responsible for all material covered in the text and in the on-line lectures. As indicated on the schedule, there will be quizzes, written assignments, three exams, and a final. Exams I, II, and III are each worth 60 points and will each consist of 50 multiple-choice questions (each worth 1 point) and 10 points worth of short-answer questions (questions will have various point values). Along with each chapter covered there will be an on-line multiple choice quiz (10 points) and along with each section there will be a written assignment (20 points). You are required to complete ALL written assignments and multiple choice quizzes - but only your 8 highest written assignment scores and your 12 highest quiz scores will be used when calculating your grade. Note that the first 3 exams will not be cumulative. NOTE ALSO THAT THEY WILL BE TIMED (AS WILL THE FINAL). No books, no notes, no references of any sort are to be used when taking exams. The clock will serve as your proctor. If this makes you nervous, please let me know and we can make arrangements for you to take a proctored exam. The final exam will be cumulative and worth 100 points. The final will consist of 80 multiple-choice questions (each worth 1 point) and 20 points worth of short answer questions. While exams will be timed (60 minutes for the 3 exams, 90 minutes for the final) and are intended to be closed-book and notes, quizzes will not be timed (actually, they are timed - but you have 3 hours - so you should not be experiencing any sort of time pressure) and you can use your notes. Please be sure to not open a quiz until you intend to complete it - that's the reason for the 3 hour limit - I want you to take it in a single sitting. If you have questions about anything on the syllabus or in the START HERE document, please post it in the Questions discussion. Points will also be given for participation (AKA "Discussion"). I am interested in having you interact with not only me, but with one another. There is also a discussion site which you are expected to take part in. I expect to see a thoughtful contribution from each of you at least three times a week. Participation is worth a total of 40 points. Updates on your participation point accumulation will be provided. You will earn no more than 2 points per forum and I am looking to see interaction - be sure to respond to not only my questions and comments, but those of your colleagues. THE LAST DAY TO EARN DISCUSSION POINTS DECEMBER 8.

A navigation note - in "Modules", you will find the course content (my "lectures", in various formats), the
questions for your Written Assignments, and study guides for all examples. Sometimes there will also be some additional useful links provided. **You may want to review the questions for the Written Assignments before you begin your reading. You are to get the questions for the Written Assignments from where they are provided in Modules.** You will prepare your answers off-line and you should be taking care to see that you are using proper punctuation and spelling - I was an English teacher in a former life (not really - but it feels like it) and needless errors drive me batty. Please also note that plagiarism will not be tolerated - all answers are to be your own. You will be taking quizzes and exams in "Tasks, Surveys, and Test", and this is also where all Written Assignments are submitted. Work can ONLY be accepted if submitted properly. Quizzes are open-book and open-notes - and they are intended to challenge. You will find that exam questions are much simpler than quiz questions - as the only resource you are using when you take an exam is your brain.

You may proceed at your own speed, but should note the mandatory due dates for items as indicated - and be aware that work may cease to be available once it is too-long past due. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any problems. Prior to doing the Written Assignment for a given section, you should complete and submit the associated multiple choice quizzes. Following a grace period, points will be deducted when for late Written Assignment submission. Failure to complete exams by the final date available will also result in point deduction, as will exceeding the time limit (a loss of one point per minute).

Please be in touch frequently - I value and appreciate any and all feedback. I hope you find this subject as fascinating as I do.

You should think of this class as being the same sort of time commitment as a traditional course - regular attendance is necessary for success. You should be "attending" at least twice a week (this is truly a minimum). Updates will be posted regularly and there will be extra credit opportunities available from time to time. Note that with every Written Assignment you have a shot at some extra credit - submit your work by 5pm on the due date (usually a Thursday) and receive an additional point on the Written Assignment for the Section you are completing. **You should be "attending" class at least twice a week.**

I will be checking in with you every morning, Monday- Friday. While I will often also check in with you throughout the day, you are guaranteed that I will be here on weekday mornings, unless I let you know that I am away. You can expect a response from me within 24 hours, Monday-Friday - unless I have told you otherwise (occasionally my life MIGHT get in the way). Every morning I will grade all submitted work and I will respond to all communications made using the ETUDES Private Messages system. You should rely on the ETUDES Messages system ("Private Messages") to send me messages - but these should only be questions of a personal or you-specific nature (such as, why did you give me so many points for that answer?). I encourage you to (and prefer that you) use the discussion for more general questions.

While our schedule may look challenging, the primary challenge is staying on task and staying motivated. If I can be of any assistance, be sure to let me know. I hope you learn a lot - and have some fun!! Note that we start out a little slow and then pick up the pace - you are encouraged to work ahead.

**Important Notes:**

1. The syllabus is your guide - if you are unclear about a due date, please refer to the syllabus. I use it as my guide and expect that you will as well.
2. Discussion posts that are in all capitals well be removed and work submitted all in capitals will be reset. Please be sure to give your work the attention it deserves. Discussion posts with excessive errors will also be removed - take pride in all your work.
3. Please, if you have a question - ask. That's what I am here for. If your question is real general, it should be posted in the discussion. Specific questions that are relevant to you and your work should be sent to me using the "Private Messages" system.
4. Note that only properly submitted work can be accepted - under no circumstances will I accept work submitted using the Messages system or E-Mail.
5. Spamming is not permitted - you are never to send messages to more than 6 students at a time.

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**Wednesday, September 9**
BONUS quiz and Early Arrival Bonus due - start the semester with some extra credit. Problems getting into the quiz? Be sure to read "START HERE" - carefully and completely. Note that while the BONUS quiz, Early Arrival Bonus, and Building Community are in "Course Information", all other assessments will be found be found in the designated folder in "Course Content".

Thursday, September 10, 5pm - All work for **Section I** (Chapters 1 & 2) is due.

Week 3 - September 14 Biological Beginnings Chapter 3

**Tuesday, September 15**
"Building community" assignment due - this must be submitted in the "Course Information" section. As always, credit can only be given for work that is properly submitted.

Week 4 - September 21 Prenatal Development & Birth Chapter 4 - End of Section II

Thursday, September 24, 5pm - All work for **Section II** (Chapters 3 & 4) is due.

**EXAM 1**, Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4. The exam is due Tuesday, October 6. **Graded exams will be available for viewing AFTER the exam's due date has passed.** You will have just 1 hour to complete the exam. The exam is closed notes, closed text - time to study!! Points will be deducted for exceeding the 60-minute time limit at a rate of 3 points per minute. Contact the instructor using the Course E-Mail if you would like to make proctoring arrangements.

Week 5 - September 28 Infancy I Chapter 5
Week 6 - October 5 Infancy II and III Chapter 6 and 7 - End of Section III

Thursday, October 8, 5pm - All work for **Section III** (Chapters 5, 6, & 7) is due.

Week 7 - October 12 Early Childhood I Chapter 8
Week 8 - October 19 Early Childhood II Chapter 9 - End of Section IV

Thursday, October 22, 5pm - All work for **Section IV** (Chapters 8 & 9) is due.

Week 9 - October 26 Middle & Late Childhood Chapters 10 and 11 - End of Section V

Thursday, October 29, 5pm - All work for **Section V** (Chapters 10 & 11) is due.

**EXAM 2**, Sections III, IV, & V. The exam is due Tuesday, November 17. **Graded exams will be available for viewing AFTER the exam's due date has passed.** You will have just 1 hour to complete the exam. The exam is closed notes, closed text - time to study!! Points will be deducted at a rate of 3 points per minute for exceeding the 60-minute time limit. Contact the instructor using the Course E-Mail if you would like to make proctoring arrangements.

Week 10 - November 2 Adolescence I Chapter 12
Week 11 - November 9 Adolescence II Chapter 13 - End of Section VI

Thursday, November 12, 5pm - All work for **Section VI** (Chapters 12 & 13) is due.

Week 12 - November 16 Early Adulthood I and II Chapters 14 and 15 - End of Section VII

Thursday, November 19, 5pm - All work for **Section VII** (Chapters 14 &15) is due.
Week 13 - November 23 - Catch-up or take a break - you are almost done!!

**EXAM 3**, Sections VI & VII. The exam is due Tuesday, December 1. **Graded exams will be available for viewing AFTER the exam's due date has passed.** You will have just 1 hour to complete the exam. The exam is closed notes, closed text - time to study!! Points will be deducted at a rate of 3 points per minute for exceeding the 60-minute time limit. Contact the instructor using the Course E-Mail if you would like to make proctoring arrangements.

EXAM 3

Week 14 - November 30
Middle Adulthood I
Chapter 16

Week 15 - December 7
Middle Adulthood II
Chapter 17 - End of Section VIII

THE LAST DAY TO EARN DISCUSSION POINTS DECEMBER 8.

Thursday, December 10, 5pm - All work for **Section VII** (Chapters 16 & 17) is due.

Week 16 - December 14
Later Adulthood

Week 15 - December 7
Middle Adulthood II
Chapter 17 - End of Section VIII

The last day to earn discussion points is December 8.

FINAL EXAM - CUMULATIVE - MUST BE COMPLETED BY 5PM ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17. You will have 90 minutes to complete the exam. The exam is closed notes, closed text - time to study!! Contact the instructor using the Private Messages system if you would like to make proctoring arrangements.

**THE LAST DAY TO EARN DISCUSSION POINTS DECEMBER 8.**
**THE LAST DAY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND QUIZZES WILL BE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15.**
**THE FINAL EXAM MUST BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 5:00PM.**

**NOTE** - **FULL CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR ONE WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT IF THE FINAL EXAM IS COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15.**

Point Breakdown - an A is guaranteed with a minimum of 540 points, a B with 480, etc. **Not all work is used when calculating your final grade.** No points are awarded for "exam entries" and the initial 10-point bonus quiz counts the same as all other quizzes. **Only 16 quizzes and 6 written assignments are used in calculating your final grade.*** **The initial BONUS quiz counts like any other quiz - it is not "extra credit".***

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