

THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Social Science Department
Child Psychology (PSY 200), CRN 30425, Fall 2012
Tuesday's and Thursday's 2:30 – 3:45, Room D102

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COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course presents the basic principles, current research and traditional theories of child development, from the prenatal period to the onset of adolescence, with an emphasis on the earlier years of childhood. Students will be guided in the development of a scientific and objective attitude toward the interpretation of child behavior and will study various methods of conducting research in child development. You will observe children and analyze their behavior in each of the following areas: physical abilities and motor skills, cognitive abilities as well as social and emotional development.

Class time will be filled with a combination of didactic lecture, instruction and discussion led by fellow classmates, internet exploration, film and small group work. Please come to class prepared by having read the material assigned for that class period. You will be expected to utilize the online learning center: <http://www.mhhe.com/santrocked13>.

REQUIRED TEXT: *Child Development, 13th Edition, by John W. Santrock*

GRADING AND REQUIREMENTS:

Attendance and Class Participation	10%
4 Exams	40%
Quizzes	20%
Observation papers	20%
Presentation of one of your observation papers	10%

ATTENDANCE AND CLASS PARTICIPATION: It is truly important to be present for the experience of class. It will help you to “get” the concepts so much more than just reading about them. Please attend class. If you cannot, please let me know in advance.

EXAMS: All exams are designed so that you can apply your knowledge. All but the last will be take home exams. As such, please make sure if you are going to be absent you ask someone in the class to get you the exam. It is due at the beginning of the next class period. If you are not in

class to get your exam — which I hope will not happen — you must get and take the exam before the next class period or obtain a “0” on that exam. Consideration will be given on a case-by-case basis for extreme circumstances that don’t allow you to follow this mandate.

QUIZZES: On the publisher’s web site, www.mhhe.com/santroked13 you will find quizzes for each module. Please complete the quiz for the module(s) we have covered in class after the class in which the module was covered. Your quiz grades will be averaged out and will weigh 20% toward your overall grade. You will be allowed to take the module quiz only once and will only be able to take it up to the day of the next class period.

OBSERVATION PAPERS: There are two assigned observations of children that will be due on October 30th and on December 11th. You are asked to observe and interact if appropriate, with children representing two separate age groups. For instance, you might choose an infant of 6 months for the first paper and a child of 3 years for the second paper. You are to note the child’s ability in the following areas: social interaction, physical capabilities, motor skills and cognitive abilities. If you don’t complete the assignment by the due date, you’ll lose 10 points for each **day** it is late. You will need to present an observation paper in class. Please see me early in the semester to choose your date but, at the latest, by October 11th.

POLICY ON CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM: Personal integrity is an important quality—once it is lost, it is difficult to regain. Please do not copy from another student or cheat on exams or papers. Not only will you receive a “0” if you are caught, it will speak very loudly to you about who you are as a person.

READING ASSIGNMENTS: The majority of your reading comes from the texts. On occasion you may be asked to do further reading or watch a clip.

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS

08/28/12	Introduction to class
8/30/12	Chapter 1 pages 4 to top of 16
09/04/12	Chapter 1 pages 16 – end (Take quiz on chapter 1)
09/06/12	Chapter 2 pages 50 to mid-page 67
09/11/12	Chapter 2 mid-page 67 to end (Take quiz on chapter 2)
09/13/12	Chapter 3 pages 78 through 90
09/18/12	Chapter 3 pages 91 through end (Take quiz on chapter 3)
09/20/12	Chapter 4 pages 106 – 124

09/25/12 Chapter 4 pages 125 – end (Take quiz on chapter 4)

09/27/12 Chapter 5 pages 142 to end (Take quiz on chapter 5)

Take home exam on chapters 1 through 5

10/02/12 Chapter 6 pages 171 to top of page 190

Exam 1 due

10/04/12 Chapter 6 pages 190 to 197 (Take quiz on chapter 6)

10/09/12 Chapter 7 pages 200 – 216

10/11/12 Chapter 7 pages 216 to 231 (Take quiz on chapter 7)

10/16/12 Chapter 8 pages 234 through 257 (Take quiz on chapter 8)

10/18/12 Chapter 9 pages 260 through 285 (Take quiz on chapter 9)

Take home exam chapters 6 through 9

10/23/12 Chapter 10 pages 289 through 305

Exam 2 due

10/25/12 Chapter 10 pages 305 through 321 (Take quiz on chapter 10)

10/30/12 Chapter 11 pages 323 through 343 (Take quiz on chapter 11)

First observation paper due

11/01/12 Chapter 12 pages 345 through 363

11/06/12` Chapter 12 Gender in society discussion (bring in pictures from advertising, magazines, etc. (Take quiz on chapter 12)

11/08/12 Chapter 13 pages 366 to top of pages 382

11/13/12 Chapter 13 pages 382 to end (Take quiz on chapter 13)

11/15/12 Chapter 14 pages 395 to 425 (Take quiz on chapter 14)

Take home exam on chapters 10 through 14

11/20/12 Chapter 15 pages 428 through mid-440

Exam 3 due

11/22/12 **NO CLASS**

11/27/12 Chapter 15 pages 440 to end (Take quiz on chapter 15)

11/29/12 Chapter 16 pages 453 through 467

12/04/12 Chapter 16 pages 467- 482 (Take quiz on chapter 16)

12/06/12 Chapter 17 pages 485 through 498

REMEMBER THAT 12/10 IS THE LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A CLASS

12/11/12 Chapter 17 pages 498 to end (Take quiz on chapter 17)

Second observation paper due

12/13/12 **Exam on chapters 15 through 17 in class**