

Montgomery County Community College  
 PSY 206  
 Human Development – A Life-Span Approach  
 3-3-0

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

A study of human development from conception to death. The physical, social, psychological and cognitive areas of life-span development will be examined. The major theories of human development, the potential age stage-related crisis and other related problems of each stage will be given careful attention.

**REQUISITES:**

*Previous Course Requirements*

None

*Concurrent Course Requirements*

None

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Discuss research methods relevant to the lifespan perspective.	Lecture Case Studies Multimedia Demonstrations AV/Multimedia materials Research Resources Small Group Projects	Exam Written Assignment Class Discussion
2. Complete literature reviews and apply theories to age-related successes and problems.	Lecture Research Resources AV/Multimedia materials	Written Assignment Exam Class Discussion
3. Discuss the theories of lifespan development.	Lecture AV/Multimedia materials Small Group Projects	Exam Written Assignment Class Discussion
4. Describe biological and environmental influences on physical, cognitive and social changes.	Lecture Research Resources AV/Multimedia materials	Exam Written Assignment Class Discussion

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria.*

## SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

1. Theories of Development
2. Historical Perspective of Life-Span Development
3. The Role and Mechanisms of Genetic Transmission
4. Prenatal Development
5. Early Childhood Development
6. Middle and Late Childhood to Adolescence
7. The Stages of Adulthood
8. Death and Dying

## LEARNING MATERIALS:

Berk, L. E. (2018). Exploring lifespan development (4<sup>th</sup> ed.). Allyn & Bacon: Boston, MA.

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

## COURSE APPROVAL:

Prepared by: M. L. Whitehill	Date: 9/2005
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*This course is consistent with Montgomery County Community College's mission. It was developed, approved and will be delivered in full compliance with the policies and procedures established by the College.*