



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

PSY 200 Lifespan Development

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an introduction to lifespan development - the scientific study of human development from conception until death. Students will be introduced to major theories, important research, and basic processes of development with an emphasis on biological, psychological, social, and cultural factors that shape human development across the lifespan.

PREREQUISITES: *PSY 101*

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

1. Describe psychological theories and research on human development.
2. Define key terms and concepts in the field.
3. Identify milestones in physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development.
4. Discuss biological, psychological, social, and cultural forces that influence development.
5. Discuss controversial issues in lifespan developmental psychology.
6. Apply concepts, theories and research about lifespan development to their own life experiences and to the life experiences of others.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:

90%-100% = A
80%-89.9% = B
70%-79.9% = C
60%-69.9% = D
<60% = E