PSY 468, Section 001
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Course Description:

Psy 468 is a SENIOR LEVEL course designed to give an overview of lifespan development. We will be covering the following topics:

- Theory and Research Methodology
- Genetic Contributions to Development
- Prenatal Development
- Birth and Bonding
  - Infancy: physical, social, personality and cognitive development.
  - Childhood: physical, social, personality and cognitive development.
  - Adolescence: physical, social, personality and cognitive development.
  - Adulthood: physical, social, personality, and cognitive development.
  - Aging: physical, social, personality, and cognitive development.
  - Death and Dying

Although the focus of PSY 468 will be on human development, we will be drawing freely on information gained from research with infrahuman species, particularly in the areas of physical development (CNS development, hormones and behavior) and cognitive development.

I am looking forward to a productive and stimulating semester and expect a level of participation from students consistent with a SENIOR LEVEL course.

A NOTE OF CAUTION: Those of you who have a limited background in psychology may find this course a bit more challenging than you had anticipated. If your ONLY psychology course has been PSY 100, you might want to reconsider your selection of this course.
Reading Assignments:

**Week of 1 - 12 - 87:**
- 1 - 19 - 87: Chapter 1
- 1 - 26 - 87: Chapter 2
- 2 - 2 - 87: Chapter 3
- 2 - 9 - 87: Chapter 4
- 2 - 16 - 87: Chapter 5
- 2 - 23 - 87: Chapter 6
- 3 - 2 - 87: Chapter 7
- 3 - 9 - 87: Chapter 8
- 3 - 16 - 87: Chapter 9

**Week of 3 - 23 - 87:**
- 3 - 30 - 87: SPRING VACATION - NO ASSIGNMENT
- 4 - 6 - 87: Chapter 10
- 4 - 13 - 87: Chapter 11
- 4 - 20 - 87: Chapter 12
- 4 - 27 - 87: Chapter 13

**Week of 5 - 4 - 87:**
- Monday - Last Day of Class - NO ASSIGNMENT

**FINAL EXAM:**
- Friday, 5 - 8 - 87 at 3:30 - 6:30 p.m

**EXAM SCHEDULE:**

Exam I (100 pts.):
- 1 - 30 - 87; Chapters 1 - 3 and related lecture material

Exam II (100 pts.):
- 2 - 20 - 87; Chapters 4 - 6 and related lecture material

Exam III (100 pts.):
- 4 - 3 - 87; Chapters 7 - 11 and related lecture material

Exam IV (200 pts.):
- Final Exam: 5 - 8 - 87
  - Chapters 12 - 15 plus cumulative exam
Exams and Grading Policy:

All exams will be multiple choice in format. Exams I - III will consist of 50 multiple choice questions worth 2 points each. The Final Exam will consist of 50 multiple choice questions drawn from Chapters 12 - 15 and corresponding lecture material PLUS 50 questions drawn from Exams I - III. BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR EXAM BOOKLETS FOR STUDY PURPOSES.

There will be 500 possible points in this course. Letter grades for each exam and for your final course grade will be determined in the following manner:

First, a Reference Score (RS) will be determined by calculating the mean score for the top 5% of the class. **Your** grade will be calculated as a percentage of the RS:

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**THIS IS DESIGNED TO PROTECT YOU FROM IMPERFECT INSTRUCTION, IMPERFECT EXAMINATIONS AND, YES, LESS THAN PERFECT STUDY HABITS. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THIS FORMAT.**

**THERE WILL BE NO "EXTRA CREDIT" ASSIGNMENTS AVAILABLE.**

**MAKE-UP EXAMS** will be given **ONLY** in the event of certified illness.

If a scheduled exam conflicts with a religious holiday, wedding, parents' wedding anniversary, etc., students may take an **EARLY** exam if they provide me with **WRITTEN** notification at least two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled exam.

All early and make-up exams will be in an essay format.