Metropolitan State University

PSYC 311 : Life Span Developmental Psychology

A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: PSYC 100 General Psychology

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies , Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

Life Span Developmental psychology reviews concepts, theories and principles of human development from conception and prenatal development through late adulthood. This course will emphasize cognitive and social development topics that will explore maturation, human growth experiences and the various stages of physical development as key components influencing human behaviors.

B. Course Effective Dates: 05/10/2010 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Student will be required to apply knowledge to both real world and imagined situations.
2. Student will be required to scientifically evaluate the theories and models of development.
3. Student will develop a comprehensive understanding of theories of human development throughout the lifespan.
4. Student will learn the historical perspective on development.
5. Student will learn the scientific methods used to study human development.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies
None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci
1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
3. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.
4. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

G. Special Information

None