San José State University  
College of Social Sciences/Psychology Department  
PSYC 102 (Child Psychology) Section 01  

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Course and Contact Information

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Office Hours: Tuesdays 1:30-2:30pm & Thursdays 9:15-10:15am and by appointment

You are encouraged to see me during office hours or to contact me whenever a need arises. Please discuss with me any concerns you may have regarding our class as soon as possible before the date of a quiz, exam, etc. & do not wait too long to see me.

Class Days/Time: Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:00-4:15PM (section 01)
Classroom: Yoshihiro Uchida Hall, Room 124 (section 01)
Prerequisites: PSYC 001 (General Psychology)

Faculty Web Page
Copies of selected course materials such as the syllabus and review sheets (when available) can be found on the course website on my faculty web page at http://www.sjsu.edu/people/mildred.alvarez/courses/psyc102/index.html
Lecture notes are NOT available on the course website and I do not post my personal lecture notes online. Should you miss class, it is your responsibility to get lecture notes from a classmate. Lecture notes will not be copied for or emailed to students. I will announce in class when specific handouts are available on this website.

Course Description

**SJSU Course Catalog Description:** “Psychological development of children from conception to adolescence, including perceptual, cognitive, personality and social development. Outside activities may be required. **Prerequisite:** PSYC 001 (General Psychology).”

**Specific Course Description:** The purpose of this course is to provide a survey of the field of developmental psychology by examining the development of children from the prenatal period to adolescence (with a focus on infancy through middle childhood). The lectures will mix chronological descriptions with a general topical approach (i.e., sometimes lectures will focus on age-related issues and events and at other times lectures will examine specific topics as they might affect someone across various age levels). The required text and lectures will be the main source of information. The readings and lectures will sometimes coincide; however, there will also be unique information from each source (i.e., required readings and lectures) for which you will be responsible. The class will emphasize the typical course of development but will also include some information on atypical developmental processes. You are expected to complete assigned readings before each class meeting.

Learning Outcomes and Course Goals

**Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

**CLO1:** Recognize normative (i.e., “average” or “typical”) and individual aspects of development

**CLO2:** Identify and describe psychological theories and concepts of cognitive, social, and emotional development

**CLO3:** Have an appreciation of the variety of factors that may influence the process of development, including the potential impact of such factors as genetics, ethnicity, culture, gender, and socioeconomic status

Theoretical frameworks will be introduced at the beginning of the course and elaborated on throughout the semester (CLO2); information on normative development is distributed throughout the course and organized in a developmentally chronological order (CLO1); information about influences on development are chronologically organized and distributed throughout the course (CLO3). **Course Learning Outcomes will be met through a quiz, exams, and a research report analysis.**
Program Learning Outcomes (PLO)

Upon successful completion of the Psychology Major requirements, the following are expected:

**PLO1: Knowledge Base of Psychology** – students will be able to identify, describe, and communicate the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology.

**PLO2: Research methods in Psychology** – students will be able to design, implement, and communicate basic research methods in psychology, including research design, data analysis, and interpretations.

**PLO3: Critical Thinking in Psychology** – students will be able to use critical and creative thinking, skeptical inquiry, and a scientific approach to address issues related to behavior and mental processes.

**PLO4: Application of Psychology** – students will be able to apply psychological principles to individual, interpersonal, group, and societal issues.

**PLO5: Values in Psychology** – students will value empirical evidence, tolerate ambiguity, act ethically, and recognize their role and responsibility as a member of society.

Required Texts/Readings

**Textbook**

- This textbook is available at the University (Spartan) Bookstore.
- Textbook website is [www.mhhe.com/dehart5](http://www.mhhe.com/dehart5). Once on site, click on “Student Edition”. The website provides excellent “Chapter Outlines”; access is free.

**Other Readings**

You will be **required to read** the journal article listed below published by the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) and available on their website. The **Research Report Analysis** requirement will be based entirely on the content of this reading.

**Journal Article for Required Reading (from the “Social Policy Report” publication):**

**Authors:** Jennifer H. Pfeifer, Christia Spears Brown, & Jaana Juvonen

**Publication Year & volume:** 2007, Vol. XXI (No. I)

**Title:** “Teaching tolerance in schools: Lessons learned since Brown v. Board of Education about the development and reduction of children’s prejudice”.

**Instructions for obtaining the article for required reading from the SRCD website:**
1) Go to the following website: [www.srcd.org/publications/social-policy-report](http://www.srcd.org/publications/social-policy-report)
2) Scroll down; notice that articles are listed by publication year, so look for 2007 list of articles and find the one you need to read for our class
3) CLICK on the information appearing in parentheses after the article title that reads, “21-2_reduce_prejudice.pdf”. This will open the document and allow you to print it (article is 24 pages long)
Other Material Requirements

- You will need to purchase **four (4) T&E 0200 SCANTRON forms**. Only a **standard #2 pencil can be used on these forms**. Because there may not be a working pencil sharpeners in the classroom, please bring additional sharpened pencils.

  You will need to **bring a SCANTRON Form T&E 0200 & #2 pencils on the date of the Quiz and on the date of each Exam**. Bring a **blank form** to class on these days. You will receive instructions about how to complete specific parts of the form on the test day. **Scantron forms that are in poor condition may result in errors in scoring; therefore, do not fold, bend or tear scantron forms and keep them free of stains and stray marks. Please note that if you use a scantron form that is in poor condition, you do so at your own risk.**

Course Requirements and Assignments

Evaluation and Percentage of Grade from Course Requirements:

1. **QUIZ** = 15%
   You will be required to take 1 quiz for a total of 15% of the course grade. The Quiz date is indicated on the Course Schedule located at the end of the syllabus along with an estimate of the course material to be included on the quiz. Course material consists of required readings, class lectures, and any other information from additional sources (e.g., videos) that may be required. **The Quiz will consist of 25 multiple-choice questions. The Quiz is closed book and notes are NOT allowed.**

2. **EXAMS** = 75%
   You will be required to take 3 exams for a total of 75% of the course grade (each exam will be worth 25% of the course grade). Exam dates are indicated on the Course Schedule. Each Exam will cover about one-third of the course material and will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions. The Final (Exam 3) will NOT be cumulative. Exams are closed book and notes are NOT allowed.

3. **RESEARCH REPORT ANALYSIS** = 10%
   You will be required to read and analyze the content of an assigned research report/journal article for a total of 10% of the course grade. The Research Report Analysis date is indicated on the Course Schedule. You will read the article in advance and on the date indicated on the Course Schedule, you will respond in writing to a set of specific questions (including short answer and short essay) and your responses will be based entirely on the content of the required research report/article. The Research Report Analysis assignment is open notes and you will be allowed to use your **personal copy** of the article and any notes you have taken on the article as you respond to the questions. [Note that it is very important that you read the article in advance, so that you will be prepared to make good use of class time to write your answers to the questions about the article that you will receive in class on the scheduled date.]
Instructions for obtaining a copy of the required reading for this assignment are provided in the “Other Readings” sub-section of the syllabus (see page 3 under “Required Texts/Readings” section). The required article will provide an opportunity for you to read and reflect on an important issue regarding children and youth from a Developmental Psychology perspective.

Final Examination

As noted in the above section describing course requirements, Exam 3 will be the course Final Exam.

Extra-Credit Opportunities:

Throughout the semester, there will be 4 opportunities to earn extra-credit. Each extra-credit assignment will be worth ¼ point (+.25). Each extra-credit assignment will ask that you produce an individual written response on a selected topic.

These in-class writing assignments will NOT be announced in advance and will occur at random times during the semester. They are intended to prompt your reflection on selected course topics. The short written comments you submit in class will not be returned. They will be scored generously and if you are generally on target in your comments, you should receive full credit for each of these assignments. Unless you are notified otherwise within one week, you can assume that you received full credit on the assignment you submitted. Please be sure to regularly have blank, standard size (8 ½ x 11), lined paper to use when these assignments are given in class.

Grading Policy

Points and Grade Scale:

The maximum number of points for each course requirement is 50. Each of the three Exams is worth 50 points (each exam has 50 questions, 1 point per question). The Quiz is worth 50 points (25 questions, 2 points per question), and the Research Report Analysis will have a mixed format including short answer and short essay questions (the points per item will be indicated for each question). Failure to do a course requirement will result in a score of 0 points for that missing requirement.

49-50 = A+  43-44 = B+  38-39 = C+  33-34 = D+  0-29 = F
47-48 = A  41-42 = B  36-37 = C  31-32 = D
45-46 = A-  40 = B-  35 = C-  30 = D-
**Example of How to Calculate Your Course Grade:** In calculating your course grade, you will need to take into account the points you have earned on each course requirement in terms of its percentage weight of the course grade. Below is an EXAMPLE of how to do this:

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**TOTAL SCORE:** 39.55 or (rounding up) = 40 = B-

*Sum all the scores to obtain a total score. To interpret your total score, use the grade scale shown at the bottom of the previous page.*

**NOTE:** You would add +.25 to your TOTAL SCORE (before rounding) for each extra-credit assignment you successfully completed. Therefore, if you completed all 4 extra-credit assignments, then you would add “1” point to your TOTAL SCORE. In the example above, this would mean a TOTAL SCORE of 40.55 (rounding up) = 41 = B.

**Make-up Policy:** A make-up or extension on a course requirement will be given under extraordinary and well-documented circumstances. Where such circumstances exist, it is your responsibility to notify me by email as soon as possible and no later than two (2) days after the scheduled date of the missed requirement – include your full name and telephone number (with area code) in your email. Appropriate written documentation (e.g., a doctor’s note) is required for a make-up on a missed class requirement to receive the full make-up credit. If you are not able to obtain such documentation and you have a serious and extenuating circumstance that has prevented you from fulfilling a requirement as scheduled, notify me as soon as possible. Depending on the circumstances, you may be allowed a make-up; however, a make-up without appropriate written documentation will result in partial credit (i.e., points will be deducted).

**There are NO MAKE-UPS on the Extra-Credit Opportunities.**

If you have questions about any aspect of this make-up policy, please see me.

**Classroom Protocol**

**Class Attendance:** You are responsible for all class content and your presence in class is expected. The Quiz and Exams will consist of questions from your text, class lectures, and any other information (e.g., videos) required for class. I sometimes lecture on material that is not included in the text and for which you are responsible. Also, you are responsible for required material from the textbook even if that material is not discussed in class. You are responsible for all information and announcements made in class.
whether you are present or not. **When you are absent, you will need to make arrangements with a classmate regarding notes for missed lectures; I encourage you to exchange contact information with one or two classmates.**

**Recording of Class:** [University Policy S12-7](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-7.pdf), requires students to obtain instructor’s permission to record course material.

In accordance with University policy, note that “common courtesy and professional behavior dictates that you notify someone when you are recording him/her. You must obtain the instructor’s permission to make audio or video recordings in this class. Such permission allows the recordings to be used for your private, study purposes only. The recordings are the intellectual property of the instructor; you have not been given any rights to reproduce or distribute the material.” You may not publicly share or upload any instructor generated material for this course such as lecture notes, test questions discussed in class, etc. without instructor consent.” **If you plan to record during class, please let me know in advance.**

**Class Courtesy:** Out of respect for other members of the class, as well as to avoid unnecessary distractions, I ask that everyone remember to follow the guidelines listed below:

1. **Be on time for your classes.** Arriving late can cause a distraction. If you are running late, please enter the classroom quietly and unobtrusively. **On test days, it is expected that you arrive on time.**
2. **Do not use headphones or cell phones in class (this includes texting).** If you have an emergency and must use your cell phone, please step outside the classroom. **Please silence your cell phone and put it away (out of view) for the duration of the class period.**
3. The use of **laptops or tablets is limited to class related note-taking.** If a student is found using electronic devices for anything other than class note-taking, they will lose their privilege to use it in class.
4. **ON TEST DAYS.** be sure to turn off and put away your cell phone and take care of any personal needs before entering the classroom. On test days, you **will not be able to leave the classroom during a test & then return and continue taking the test.** Also, be sure to have your **SJSU ID CARD on test days in case I ask to see it.**
5. **Do not talk unnecessarily** during lecture or when other students are asking questions. Unnecessary and inappropriate conversation during class can make it difficult for students to hear and follow class lectures and discussions.

**University Policies**

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs’ [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/)
SJSU Peer Connections

Peer Connections, a campus-wide resource for mentoring and tutoring, strives to inspire students to develop their potential as independent learners while they learn to successfully navigate through their university experience. You are encouraged to take advantage of their services which include course-content based tutoring, enhanced study and time management skills, more effective critical thinking strategies, decision making and problem-solving abilities, and campus resource referrals.

In addition to offering small group, individual, and drop-in tutoring for a number of undergraduate courses, consultation with mentors is available on a drop-in or by appointment basis. Workshops are offered on a wide variety of topics including preparing for the Writing Skills Test (WST), improving your learning and memory, alleviating procrastination, surviving your first semester at SJSU, and other related topics. A computer lab and study space are also available for student use in Room 600 of Student Services Center (SSC).

Peer Connections is located in three locations: SSC, Room 600 (10th Street Garage on the corner of 10th and San Fernando Street), at the 1st floor entrance of Clark Hall, and in the Living Learning Center (LLC) in Campus Village Housing Building B. Visit Peer Connections website at http://peerconnections.sjsu.edu for more information.

SJSU Writing Center

The SJSU Writing Center is located in Clark Hall, Suite 126. All Writing Specialists have gone through a rigorous hiring process, and they are well trained to assist all students at all levels within all disciplines to become better writers. In addition to one-on-one tutoring services, the Writing Center also offers workshops every semester on a variety of writing topics. To make an appointment or to refer to the numerous online resources offered through the Writing Center, visit the Writing Center website at http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter. For additional resources and updated information, follow the Writing Center on Twitter and become a fan of the SJSU Writing Center on Facebook. (Note: You need to have a QR Reader to scan this code.)

SJSU Counseling Services

The SJSU Counseling Services is located on the corner of 7th Street and San Fernando Street, in Room 201, Administration Building. Professional psychologists, social workers, and counselors are available to provide consultations on issues of student mental health, campus climate or psychological and academic issues on an individual, couple, or group basis. To schedule an appointment or learn more information, visit Counseling Services website at http://www.sjsu.edu/counseling.
The following schedule is approximate. Some topics may take a little more (or less) time to cover than anticipated, so the planned topics for a given week may not always be completed by the expected date; however, I do plan to follow the order of the topics as they are listed. We will work to stay on schedule. I expect to keep to scheduled dates of all course requirements, but it is possible that specific content to be included on the Quiz/Exams may need to be adjusted. The date of the Final Exam will not change and will remain as scheduled. If there are any changes to the specific content of the Quiz/Exams it will be announced in class. Finally, although I anticipate following the schedule as provided below, the planned course schedule is tentative and may need to be changed with fair notice. It is your responsibility to be aware of where we are in the readings, class lectures, and announcements.

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• Chap. 6  
• *Part 2: Epilogue: Infancy*  |
| 8    | 3/14 & 3/16| Language Development, Symbolic Representation, & Relation of Language to Cognition  
• *Part 3: Four Children as Toddlers*  
• Chap. 7  |
| 9    | 3/21 & 3/23| **Tuesday, 3/21: EXAM 1** (estimated on chapters 3 – 6 and related lectures – specific content of Exam 1 will be confirmed in class before the Exam date)  
Language Development, etc. (cont.)  |
| 10   | 3/27 – 3/31| **SPRING RECESS – NO CLASSES**  |
| 11   | 4/4 & 4/6| **Thursday, 4/6: RESEARCH REPORT ANALYSIS**  
(based on the Pfeifer, et al. (2007) journal article. See “Other Readings” subsection on page 3 of syllabus for instructions on how to obtain a copy of this research report/journal article).  
Toddler Social & Emotional Development  
• Chap. 8  
• *Part 3: Epilogue: Toddlerhood*  |
| 12   | 4/11 & 4/13| Toddler Social & Emotional Development (cont.)  
Preschool Cognition (Overview)  
• *Part 4: Four Children as Preschoolers*  
• Chap. 9 (pp. 304-318; 323-331 only)  |
| 13   | 4/18 & 4/20| Preschool Social & Emotional Development  
*LECTURE FOCUS*: Gender & Ethnic Role Development  
• Chap. 10  
• *Part 4: Epilogue: Early Childhood*  |
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**Final Exam**

**Thursday, May 18**

2:45 – 4:30pm

Yoshihiro Uchida Hall, Room 124

**EXAM 3 (FINAL EXAM)**

Exam 3 is estimated to be on chapters 10 – 14 and related lectures (specific content of Exam 3 will be confirmed in class before the exam date).

**Note:** You must take the Final Exam with your class section. This day and time are determined by the University.