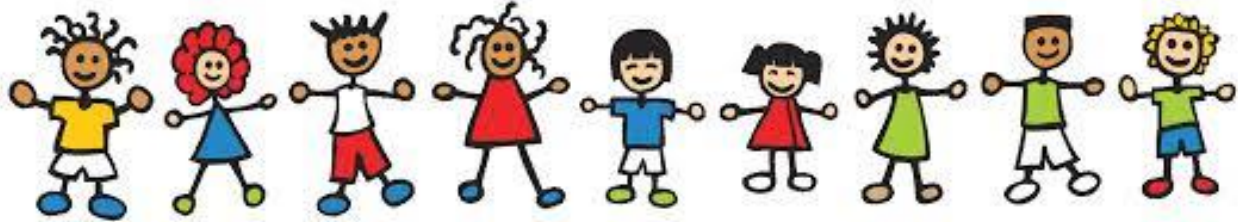


Welcome to Child Development: PSYC0202



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Textbook: Santrock (2014) Child Development (14th edition).

Please note: this class officially begins in September. I will not be making any of the course material accessible before that. The information below is a brief preview of the course, including an overview of what the requirements will be.

AS DESCRIBED IN THE WSU BULLETIN:

PSYC 0202 CHILD DEVELOPMENT (3) The systematic study of the organismic and psychological changes in the child from birth up to adolescence, and of the importance of maturation, growth, and social learning in effecting these changes. Attention is focused on factors in personality, emotional, and cognitive development. Several lectures cover psychological theories of child development as based on available research data.

Prerequisite: PSYC 0101.

For WSU Psychology majors, this course satisfies the "Development" distribution requirement for the major.

COURSE OVERVIEW:

The purpose of this course is to explore child development from a variety of psychological perspectives. We will discuss development from conception up to adolescence, exploring physical, cognitive, and socio-emotional development from both theoretical and empirical perspectives.

Course Objectives: By the end of the course you will

- Be familiar with historical and current theories of development
- Recognize major cognitive, physical, and social milestones of development during childhood
- Be exposed to and think critically about research on child development
- Apply your knowledge of child development to everyday life

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT:

All course requirements (e.g. Knowledge Sharing Opportunities and contributions to discussions) must be completed on time or the student will receive a 0 for that requirement.

- **Knowledge Sharing Opportunities** (Exams): There will be several of these!
- **Discussion Forum Participation:** We will have weekly discussions that will factor into your grade.

COMMUNICATING WITH THE PROFESSOR:

Once the class has begun, please email me via Plato, not my campus email. I will check my email every day Monday through Friday (unless it is a holiday). You can realistically expect me to reply to all emails within 48 business hours (it doesn't usually take that long).