

# Welcome to Child Development!

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**Course Description:** This course is designed to provide students with a basic understanding of the major concepts important to the study of child development. The course will provide the basic foundation needed to understand the many areas important to the healthy development of children of all ages. By the end of the course, students will have knowledge of how children develop physically, cognitively, socially, emotionally, and morally. We will study the biological and environmental influences on developmental through guided reading of the text, discussions, observations and a variety of learning activities. The theorists important to the field of child psychology will be integrated throughout the developmental stages of birth through adolescence.

**Required Text:** *Discovering Child Development, 2nd Edition [Paperback], (2009) [Carol Lynn Martin](#), [Richard Fabes](#).* There will also be additional readings and audio-visual materials assigned.

**Expectations:** It is expected that you will be spending 3 hours a day interacting with course material and learning activities, in addition to “out of class time” completing assignments as we have a lot to learn in a short amount of time. I do also expect, though, that you will enjoy the class immensely as we will be utilizing many different styles of learning and you will have choices in the ways to express your knowledge!



