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TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Ləkʷəŋən (Songhees and Esquimalt) Peoples on whose territory the university stands, and the Ləkʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ Peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

ABOUT THIS COURSE

This course addresses several theoretical issues of particular relevance to developmental science and a variety of theoretical frameworks for understanding development. We will discuss a number of issues in lifespan development such as conceptualizations of development, innateness, the relation between evolution and development, and culture. We will also cover several classical and contemporary theoretical frameworks for understanding development, including Freud's theory, Erikson's theory, Piaget's developmental theory, Vygotsky's sociocultural theory, dynamic systems theory, ecological systems theory, and enactivism. We will examine societal influences on developmental and psychological theorizing (globalization, WEIRD, racism). The goals of the course are to put you in position to understand and evaluate different approaches to lifespan development and various basic development issues, and to reflect critically on the assumptions underlying psychological research.

COURSE FORMAT

This course is cross-listed as a 4th year seminar and a graduate course. My goal is to create a collaborative learning environment where we can engage in critical discussion and learn from each other throughout the course. Although I will lecture on several occasions, a considerable portion of each class will be discussion-based and each student will have the opportunity to lead the discussion. For this reason, it is imperative to keep up with the assigned readings and I encourage you to bring your own perspectives and experience to this class.

COURSE WEBSITE

All course materials including assignments guidelines, links to readings, and grades will be posted on BrightSpace. All announcements and other important information regarding UVic's policies for academic integrity will also be posted on this site. You can access BrightSpace by signing in with your NetLink ID.

PREREQUISITES

PSYC 300A and PSYC335; and PSYC 336 or PSYC 339, or have permission from the Undergraduate Advisor.

Students who remain in courses for which they do not have the prerequisites do so at their own risk.

Students who complete courses without prerequisites are not exempt from having to complete the prerequisite course(s) at some later time if such courses are required for the degree program. Students are responsible for checking their registration status by the add/drop deadline.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Readings: Links to all required readings will be posted on BrightSpace.

EVALUATION AND GRADING

Grades are not everything, but they are one way to motivate us and allow you to demonstrate your understanding of the course material. Your grade will be determined by your performance on the following items:

Item	Percent of Final Grade	Date
Participation	20%	Weekly
In-class Thought Papers	20% (8 x 2.5% each)	Throughout the semester
Class Presentation	20%	You will sign up for a presentation date, details TBA
4 Extended Thought Papers	40% (10% each)	Extended Thought Papers are due throughout the semester; deadlines are provided on BrightSpace

Participation (20%)

This is a discussion-based and interactive class and your attendance and participation in group activities will enrich your learning experience. For this reason, 20% of your grade will be based on your contributions to class discussion, in-class activities, online discussion forums, and how you demonstrate your enthusiasm and preparedness each week. It is expected that you will contribute in a way that promotes discussion and enhances the learning environment of your peers. Attendance is imperative for learning in this class and students who miss more than two classes without appropriate documentation excusing their absence will receive 0 for participation.

In-Class Thought Papers (8 X 2.5 = 20%)

At the beginning of each class, I will ask students to think about the topic covered during that class and to write their answers and thoughts to specific questions. At the end of class, students then will be asked to reflect on their answers and write about any changes in their understanding (if any). The in-class thought papers will be graded on a pass/fail basis. In order to receive a "pass", the students' responses need to reflect a thoughtful engagement with the question. In-class thought papers are submitted as hard-copies or word files (via email) at the end of each class.

Class Presentation (20%)

In groups of up to 4, students will be required to present on one of the topics listed below. More detail and sign up for presentation dates will be discussed in class.

Extended Thought Papers (4 X 10%)

Students are required to submit four longer thought papers (1000 words each) with a more in-depth response to the questions posed by the instructor. Further details and grading rubric will be posted on BrightSpace.

Late Assignments. For each day a thought paper is late, 10% of your grade on the assignment will be deducted. Assignments will not be accepted after 3 full days past the deadline and a grade of zero will be assigned. Exceptions will only be made under exceptional circumstances (e.g., serious illness or accident), and when appropriate documentation is presented within 3 days of the due date.

Extensions. If you feel that you need an extension, please speak to me about it at least 1 week before the due date (extension is not guaranteed but I will consider requests on a case-by-case basis). **Extensions will not be granted on, or after, the due date.** If you are having difficulty starting any assignment, please drop by my office hours – I am happy to work with you to determine how you can best complete the assigned work.

Grading Criteria

The final letter grade in this course will be based on the percent score, rounded up or down to the nearest whole percentage point, and based on this distribution:

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	D	F
90-100	85-89	80-84	77-79	73-76	70-72	65-69	60-64	50-59	0-49

Students who must give a presentation and submit 4 extended thought papers. Failure to complete these elements will result in a grade of “N” regardless of the cumulative percentage of all other elements of the course. N is a failing grade and factors into GPA as a value of 0. It is the student’s responsibility to keep track of their grades on BrightSpace. In accordance with the University’s policy on academic concessions, “A student who completes all course requirements is not eligible for an academic concession”. Consequently, students can only request deferrals for the completion of required course components and not for non-essential course components

ACCOMMODATIONS

The University of Victoria is committed to creating a learning experience that is as accessible as possible. If you are registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning and anticipate or experience any barriers to learning in this course, please feel welcome to discuss your concerns with me. If you are a student with a disability or chronic health condition, you can meet with a CAL advisor to discuss access and accommodations.

SUPPORT & CONTACTING ME

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this course, please come speak to me as soon as possible; I am happy to help. Office hours are held each week and this is best way to have a question or concern addressed. **If communicating by email, please include “PSYC 442” in the subject line** to avoid having the message accidentally relayed to the ‘Junk’ folder. I will try my best to respond promptly, but please expect a response lag of at least 24 hours.

RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY

It is my intent that students from all diverse backgrounds and perspectives be well-served by this course, that students' learning needs be addressed both in and out of class, and that the diversity that students

bring to this class be viewed as a resource, strength and benefit. It is my intent to present materials and activities that are respectful of diversity: gender, sexuality, disability, age, socio-economic status, ethnicity, race, and culture. Your suggestions are encouraged and appreciated. Please let me know ways to improve the effectiveness of the course for you personally or for other students or student groups. In addition, if any of our class meetings conflict with your religious events, please let me know so that we can make arrangements for you.

SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

Readings for each week are listed on BrightSpace

Week 1 Sept 9	Introduction & History and Theory & Concept of Development
Week 2 Sept 16	Sigmund Freud and Erik Erikson * Sept 17 is the last day to drop the course with 100% fee reduction * Sept 20 is the last day for adding courses that begin in the first term
Week 3 Sept 23	Heinz Werner and Jean Piaget
Week 4 Oct 7	Lev Vygotsky and Sociocultural Theory
Week 5 Oct 21	Ecological Theory & Dynamic Systems Theory & Enactivism * Oct 8 is the last day to drop the course with 50% fee reduction
Week 6 Oct 28	Biology and Development I: Genes and Environment, and the Concept of Innateness * Oct 31 is the last day for withdrawing from first term course without penalty of failure
Week 7 Nov 4	Biology and Development II: Evolution and Development Date for graduate student presentations
Week 8 Nov 18	Group Presentations I Group 1: Weird Psychology Group 2: Psychology of Racism
Week 9 Nov 25	Group Presentations II Group 3: Indigenizing Psychology Group 4: Decolonizing Psychology
Week 10 Dec 2	Group Presentations III Group 5: Neoliberalism Group 6: Replication Crisis

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Department of Psychology Important Course Policy Information Fall Session 2024

Accessible Learning

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Attendance and Absences

Attendance is important. Students are expected to attend all classes in which they are enrolled. Students may be assigned a final grade of N or debarred from writing final examinations if they fail to satisfy a minimum attendance requirement set by the instructor for lectures, laboratories, online course discussions or learning activities, tutorials, or other learning activities set out in the course outline.

Medical documentation for short-term absences is **not required** (approved by Senate). Students who cannot attend due to illness are asked to notify their instructors immediately. If illness, accident, or family affliction causes a student to miss the final exam or to fail to complete any required assignment/assessment by the end of the term students are required to submit a request for academic concession (see below).

Children and Pets

If you need to bring your children or pet to class, please do not hesitate to do so. It is understood that sometimes this is necessary due to care circumstances. However, please aim to have minimal class disturbance so that student learning is not impacted.

Class Recording and Auto-Captioning Statement

The instructor may record class sessions and those recordings may be made available to all students in the class via Brightspace. If you have questions or concerns regarding class recording and privacy, please contact privacyinfo@uvic.ca

Auto-generated captioning may be enabled in this course. Auto-captioning is highly error-prone, especially for specialized terminology and proper names. Students are asked to refer to the audio feed for clarification of any errors. If you find captioning errors that are offensive, please contact your instructor and/or teaching assistant so that they are aware. If you require captions as part of an academic accommodation, please contact [CAL](#).

Commitment to Inclusivity, Diversity, and Respectful Environments in the Classroom and Online

The University of Victoria is committed to providing a positive and supportive and safe learning and working environment for all its members. All members of the university community have the right to this experience and the responsibility to help *create* such an environment. The University will not tolerate racism, sexualized violence, or any form of discrimination, bullying, or harassment.

Please be advised that, by logging into UVic's learning systems or interacting with online resources and course-related communication platforms, you are engaging in a University activity.

All interactions within this environment are subject to the university expectations and policies. Any concerns about student conduct may be reviewed and responded to in accordance with the appropriate university policy.

To report concerns about online student conduct: onlineconduct@uvic.ca

Copyright

All course content and materials are made available by instructors for educational purposes and for the exclusive use of students registered in their class¹. The material is protected under copyright law, even if not marked with ©. Any further use or distribution of materials to others requires the written permission of the instructor, except under fair dealing or another exception in the Copyright Act. Violations may result in disciplinary action under the [Resolution of Non-Academic Misconduct Allegations policy \(AC1300\)](#) or the [Academic Integrity Policy](#), whichever is more appropriate for the situation.

Course Experience Survey (CES)

I value your feedback on this course. Toward the end of term, you will have the opportunity to complete a confidential course experience survey (CES) regarding your learning experience. The survey is vital to providing feedback to the instructor regarding the course and their teaching, as well as to help the department improve the overall program for students in the future. When it is time for you to complete the survey, you will receive an email inviting you to do so. If you do not receive an email invitation, you can go directly to <http://ces.uvic.ca>. You will need to use your UVic NetLink ID to access the survey, which can be done on your laptop, tablet or mobile device. You will be reminded nearer the time, but please be thinking about this important activity, especially the following three questions, during the course.

1. What strengths did your instructor demonstrate that helped you learn in this course?
2. Please provide specific suggestions as to how the instructor could have helped you learn more effectively.
3. Please provide specific suggestions as to how this course could be improved.

Disclaimer

The above schedule, policies, procedures, and assignments in this course are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.

Grading

In classes that are based on a percentage grading scheme, the following [Undergraduate Grading Scale](#) is used

Grade	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	D	F
Percentage	90-100	85-89	80-84	77-79	73-76	70-72	65-69	60-64	51-59	< 50
GP Value	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Rounding is only applied to the final grade and is rounded up at the 0.5% level (e.g., 84.49% is round to 84% and 84.50% is rounded to 85%).

Medical Documentation for absences

No medical documentation for short-term absences is required (Approved by Senate).

If you are seeking a Withdrawal Extenuating Circumstances or an Aegrotat grade, medical documentation may be required if relevant.

Ombudsperson and Academic Concerns

From the course calendar...

Depending on the nature of the academic matter of concern to the student, the order in which the student should normally try to resolve the matter is: first, the course instructor; second, the Chair of the department; third, the Dean of the faculty; and finally, the Senate.

If you are having an academic concern or problem that cannot be resolved with your instructor or the Department Associate Chair, you may wish to consult with the Office of the Ombudsperson (<https://uvicombudsperson.ca>). Current contact information for the office can be found here <https://uvicombudsperson.ca/contact/>.

¹ Syllabi belong to the department through which the course is administered.

Policy on Academic Integrity including Plagiarism and Cheating

The Department of Psychology fully endorses and intends to enforce rigorously the [Senate Policy on Academic Integrity](#). It is of utmost importance that students who do their work honestly be protected from those who do not. Because this policy is in place to ensure that students carry out and benefit from the learning activities assigned in each course, it is expected that students will cooperate in its implementation.

The offences defined by the policy can be summarized briefly as follows:

1. **Plagiarism.** You must make sure that the work you submit is your work and not someone else's. There are proper procedures for citing the works of others. The student is responsible for being aware of and using these procedures.
2. **Unauthorized Use of an Editor.** The use of an editor is prohibited unless the instructor grants explicit written authorization.
3. **Multiple Submission.** Only under exceptional circumstances may a work submitted to fulfill an academic requirement be used to satisfy another similar requirement. The student is responsible for clarifying this with the instructor(s) involved.
4. **Falsifying Materials Subject to Academic Evaluation.** This includes falsification of data, use of commercially prepared essays, using information from the Internet without proper citation, citing sources from which material is not actually obtained, etc.
5. **Cheating on Assignments, Tests, and Examinations.** You may not copy the work of others in or out of class; you may not give your work to others for the purpose of copying; you may not use unauthorized material or equipment during examinations or tests; and you may not impersonate or allow yourself to be impersonated by another at an examination. The Department of Psychology has a policy of not making old examinations available for study purposes. Therefore, use of old exams without the express written permission of the instructor constitutes cheating by the user, and abetting of cheating by the person who provided the exam.
6. **Aiding Others to Cheat.** It is a violation to help others or attempt to help others to engage in any of the conduct described above.

The use of a generative artificial intelligence (AI) is strictly prohibited in any submitted work (unless expressly endorsed by the instructor as part of an assignment).

Instructors are expected to make every effort to prevent cheating and plagiarism. This may include the assignment of seating for examinations, asking students to move during examinations, requests to see student identification cards, and other measures as appropriate. Instructors also have available to them a variety of tools and procedures to check for Internet and electronic media-based cheating. In instances of suspected or actual plagiarism or cheating, instructors, following prescribed procedures, are authorized to take steps consistent with the degree of the offence. These measures will range from a zero on the test or assignment or a failing grade for the course, probation within a program to temporary or even permanent suspension from the University.

Rights of Appeal are described in the Policy on Academic Integrity in the University calendar Fall 2023.

The definitive source for information on Academic Integrity is the University Calendar

Other useful resources on Plagiarism and Cheating include:

1. The Ombudsperson's office: <https://uvicombudsperson.ca/academic-integrity/>
The [Office of the Ombudsperson](#) is an independent and impartial resource to assist with the fair resolution of student issues. A confidential consultation can help you understand your rights and responsibilities. The Ombudsperson can also clarify information, help navigate procedures, assist with problem-solving, facilitate communication, provide feedback on an appeal, investigate and make recommendations. Phone: 250-721-8357; Email: ombuddy@uvic.ca; Web: uvicombudsperson.ca.
2. UVic Library Resources: <http://www.uvic.ca/library/research/citation/plagiarism/>
3. UVic Library Document on [Avoiding Plagiarism](#)

Prerequisites

Students who remain in courses for which they do not have the prerequisites do so at their own risk. Students who complete courses without prerequisites ARE NOT exempt from having to complete the prerequisite course(s) if such courses are required for the degree program.

Program Requirements

For more information see the [UVic Calendar](#).

Registration Status

Students are responsible for verifying their registration status. Registration status may be verified using My Page, View Schedule. Course adds and drops will not be processed after the [deadlines](#) set out in the current UVic Calendar.

Students who do not attend classes must not assume that they have been dropped from a course by an academic unit or an instructor. Courses that are not formally dropped will be given a failing grade, students may be required to withdraw and will be required to pay the tuition fee for the course.

Request for Academic Concessions

Students can apply for [academic concessions](#) if their course requirements are affected by (i) unexpected and/or unavoidable circumstances (e.g., illness, family affliction, etc.), or (ii) conflicting responsibilities (e.g., service in the armed forces or first responder, representing the university).

- **Request an in-course extension**
If you require more time to complete a course requirement or miss a test or midterm exam, then you will need to complete the "[In-Course Extension Form](#)" and submit it directly to your course instructor. All course requirements must be completed prior to the submission of final grades.
- **What to do if you miss the final exam scheduled during the formal exam period**
Apply at Records Services for a "[Request for Academic Concession](#)", normally within 10 working days of the date of the exam. Records Services will forward the form to the instructor. If the concession is granted, the instructor will determine how to deal with the situation (for example, a deferred exam). Where a concession is not applied for or where such application is denied, an N grade will be entered on the student's academic record.
- **What to do if you require additional time to complete course requirements beyond the normal term.**
Apply at Records Services for a "[Request for Academic Concession](#)", normally within 10 working days of the end of the course. Records Services will forward the form to the instructor. If the concession is granted, the instructor will determine how to deal with the situation. Where a concession is not applied for or where such application is denied, an N grade will be entered on the student's academic record if the missing work has been deemed required. Note, only required course components may be deferred.

Research Participation Opportunities with the Department of Psychology

The Department of Psychology offers multiple opportunities to participate in research studies over the year. Students are encouraged to learn more about the field of psychology by volunteering in these studies. Information about studies can often be found posted on notice boards around the Department as well as through our Participant Pool webpage at <https://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/psychology/research/participants/>.

Student Support Services

[Learn Anywhere](#) is the student support portal for a full range of student academic and support services. Services include: [Centre for Academic Communication](#), [Math & Stats Assistance Centre](#), [Counselling Services](#), [Health Services](#), [Library](#), [Ombudsperson](#), and [Computer Help Desk](#)

This classroom is a trans-inclusive space

Please indicate if you have a preferred name and pronoun that you'd like to be used in the classroom. Please e-mail your instructor or your TA if you would like to discuss the climate of this classroom for trans students. Gender neutral bathrooms are available at UVic.

University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS)

The [UVSS](http://uvss.ca) is a social justice based non-profit run by students, for students and is entirely separate from UVic. As an undergrad student, you are already a member! We work on issues affecting students such as affordability, public transit, sexualized violence, sustainability, student employment, and much more. We fund clubs and course unions, and have several advocacy groups. We also have a Food Bank and Free Store, a Peer Support Centre, and run your health and dental plan. We are here to support you, so please reach out to us at uvss.ca!

Academic Important Dates

Fall session – first term (September – December)

Wednesday, September 4 th	First term classes begin for all faculties
Tuesday, September 17 th	Last day for 100% reduction of second term fees for standard courses 50% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date.
Friday, September 20 th	Last day for adding courses that begin in the first term
Monday, September 30 th	Last day for paying first term fees without penalty
Monday, September 30 th	University Closed (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)
Tuesday, October 8 th	Last day for 50% reduction of tuition fees for standard courses
Monday, October 14 th	University Closed (Thanksgiving Day)
Thursday, October 31 st	Last day for withdrawing from first term courses without penalty of failure
Monday, November 11 th	University Closed (Remembrance Day)
November 11 th - 13 th	Reading Break for all faculties
Wednesday, December 4 th	Last day of classes in first term for all faculties
Wednesday, December 4 th	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women - (Classes and exams cancelled from 11:30am - 12:30pm)
Saturday, December 7 th	First-term examinations begin for all faculties
Friday, December 20 th	First term examinations end for all faculties
December 25 th - 31 st	University Closed (Winter Break)

Add and drop dates for standard 2024-2025 Winter Session courses

Term	Start Date	End Date	100% Fee Reduction	Add Deadline	50% Fee Reduction	Academic Drop no Fee Reduction
First term	Sep 4	Dec 4	Sep 17	Sep 20	Oct 8	Oct 31
Second term	Jan 6	Apr 4	Jan 19	Jan 22	Feb 9	Feb 28

Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response at UVic

UVic takes sexualized violence seriously, and has raised the bar for what is considered acceptable behaviour. We encourage students to learn more about how the university defines sexualized violence and its overall approach by visiting www.uvic.ca/svp. If you or someone you know has been impacted by sexualized violence and needs information, advice, and/or support please contact the sexualized violence resource office in Equity and Human Rights (EQHR). Whether or not you have been directly impacted, if you want to take part in the important prevention work taking place on campus, you can also reach out:

Where: Office of Equity and Human Rights, Sedgewick Building, Room C115

Phone: 250 721 8021

Email: svpcoordinator@uvic.ca

Web: <https://www.uvic.ca/sexualizedviolence/>

BE WELL



A note to remind you to take care of yourself. Do your best to maintain a healthy lifestyle this semester by eating well, exercising, getting enough sleep and taking some time to relax. This will help you achieve your goals and cope with stress. All of us benefit from support during times of struggle. You are not alone.

Social Life, Friends, & Community at UVic:

Having a social network is an extremely important foundation for positive mental health. There are lots of benefits to joining clubs, course unions, intramurals and teams on campus.

<https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/housing-student-life/student-life/index.php>

Counselling Services:

The Student Wellness Centre can help you make the most of your university experience. They offer free professional, confidential, inclusive support to currently registered UVic students. <https://www.uvic.ca/student-wellness/contacts/student-wellness-team/index.php#ipn-counsellors>

Health Services:

The Student Wellness Centre also provides a full service primary health clinic for students. <https://www.uvic.ca/student-wellness/contacts/student-wellness-team/index.php#ipn-physicians>

Centre for Accessible Learning:

The CAL staff are available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals and arrange appropriate accommodations <https://www.uvic.ca/accessible-learning/index.php>. The sooner you let us know your needs, the quicker we can assist you in achieving your learning goals in this course.

Elders' Voices:

The Office of Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement (IACE) has the privilege of assembling a group of Elders from local communities to guide students, staff, faculty and administration in Indigenous ways of knowing and being.

www.uvic.ca/services/indigenous/students/programming/elders/

Mental Health Supports and Services:

Mental health supports and services are available to students from all areas of the UVic community: <https://www.uvic.ca/student-wellness/wellness-resources/mental-health/>