

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## PSY 402: Child/Adolescent Psychology

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites:

This course requires both of these prerequisites

PSY 113 - General Psychology

PSY 202 - Developmental Psychology

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Human development from the prenatal period through adolescence. Students must have earned six credits in psychology courses and have junior standing prior to enrolling in this class.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 06/01/1995 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Introduction to Developmental Psychology and Its Research Strategies.
2. Theories of Human Development.
3. Hereditary Influences on Development.
4. Prenatal Development and Birth.
5. Infancy.
6. The Brain, Body, Motor Skills, and Sexual Development
7. Cognitive Development: Piaget's Theory and Vygotsky's Sociocultural Viewpoint.
8. Information-Processing Perspectives
9. Intelligence
10. Development of Language and Communication Skills.
11. Emotional Development, Temperament, and Attachment.
12. Development of the Self and Social Cognition.
13. Sex Differences and Gender-Role Development.
14. Aggression, Altruism, and Moral Development.
15. The context of Development

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. To discuss the goals of developmental psychology
2. To gain an understanding of development as a pattern of change that occurs across throughout childhood and adolescence.
3. To gain an understanding of the influences of cognitive, biological and social factors on the developing child.
4. To critically examine empirical evidence and evaluate theories of child development that are presented throughout the course.
5. To develop critical thinking skills to assist in being a consumer of psychological research.

**E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies**

None

**F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT**

As noted on course syllabus

**G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted