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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,

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
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SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

(Tentative)

Week 1
Sept 9

Introduction & The Importance of History and Theory

Barbot et al. (2020). Manifesto for new directions in developmental science. *Child & Adolescent Development*, 135-149. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cad.20359>

Bidell, T. R. (2020). Philosophical background to integrative theories of human development. In T. R. Bidell & M. D. Mascolo (Eds.), *Handbook of integrative developmental science: Essays in honor of Kurt W. Fischer* (pp. 3-37). New York, NY: Routledge.

Carpendale, J. Lewis, C., & Müller, U. (2018). Criticism, debate, and worldviews. In J. Carpendale, C. Lewis, & U. Müller, *The Development of children's thinking* (pp. 4-11). London: Sage.

Week 2
Sept 16

The Concept of Development

Baltes, P. M. (1987). Theoretical propositions of life

Van der Veer, R. (2021). Vygotsky's legacy: Understanding and beyond. *Integrative Psychological and Behavioral Science*, 55, 789–796. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12124-021-09652-6>

Week 5
Oct 14

Ecological Theory & Cultural Theory

Bronfenbrenner, U. (1993). Ecological models of development. In M. Gauvain & M. Cole (Eds.), *Readings on the development of children* (4th ed., pp. 38). New York, NY: Worth Publishers.

Greenfield, P. M. (2016). Social change, cultural evolution, and human development. *Current Opinion in Psychology*, 8, 89–92. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.copsyc.2015.10.012>

Kline, M. A., Shamsudheen, R., & Broesch, T. (2018). Variation is the universal: making cultural evolution work in developmental psychology. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, 373, 20170059.

Lawrence, J. A. (2017). Developing persons and clashing cultures. In A. S. Dick & U. Müller (Eds.), *Advancing developmental science: Philosophy, theory, and method* (pp. 222–234). New York: Routledge.

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Moore, D. S. (2017). The potential of epigenetics research to transform conceptions of phenotype development. *Human Development*, 60, 69-80.

Week 8

Innateness

Nov 4

Linguist, S. (2018). The conceptual critique of innateness. *Philosophical Compass*, 13, e12492. <https://doi.org/10.1111/phc3.12492>

Mameli, M., & Bateson, P. (2006). Innateness and the science of biology. *Biology and Philosophy*, 21, 155-188.

Margolis, E., & Laurence, S. (2013). In defence of nativism. *Philosophical Studies*, 163, 653-718.

Spencer, J. P., Blumberg, M. S., McMurray, B., McMurray, S. R., Samuelson, L. J., & Tomblin, J. B. (2009). Short arms and talking eggs: Why we should no longer abide by the nativist-tripartite debate. *Child Development Perspectives*, 3, 79-87.

Week 9

Evolution and Development

Nov 18

Blasi, C. H., & Bjorklund, D. F. (2003). Evolutionary developmental psychology: A new tool for better understanding human ontogeny. *Human Development*, 60, 69-80.

Jablonka, E., & Lamb, M. J. (2007). *Precis of evolution in four dimensions*.

* Dec 6 is a Tuesday but we follow a Friday course schedule; the class will be over at 11:15 (National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women)

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
Department of Psychology
Important Course Policy Information
Winter Session 2022

Accessible Learning

The University of Victoria is committed to creating a learning experience that is as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience any barriers to learning in this course, please feel welcome to discuss your concerns with me. If requirement set by the instructor for lectures, lab3.4 (u)1e.1 (e)TJ0 Tc 0 T7 (u)1e.1 TJ0 Tc 0 Tw 23.566 0 Td()Tj-0.004 Tc 0.004 Tw 0.2

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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

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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.

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

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

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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/mentalhealth/undergraduate/connecting/index.php>

Counselling Services:

Counselling Services can help you make the most of your university experience. They offer free professional, confidential, inclusive support to currently registered UVic students. www.uvic.ca/services/counselling/

Health Services:

University Health Services (UHS) provides a full service primary health clinic for students, and coordinates healthy student and campus initiatives.

www.uvic.ca/services/health/

Centre for Accessible Learning

The CAL staff are available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals and arrange appropriate accommodations www.uvic.ca/services/cal/. 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: www.uvic.ca/mentalhealth/undergraduate/