

**Faculty of Health
Department of Psychology
PSYC 2110 3.0 Section M – Developmental Psychology
Friday/11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m./ Online
Winter 2021**

This course will be delivered online. There are no on-campus activities associated with this course. The course will be delivered in an asynchronous format. However, students must be available to write the tests during the lecture slot.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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COURSE PREREQUISITE(S)

Course prerequisites are strictly enforced.

HH/PSYC 1010 6.00 (Introduction to Psychology), with a minimum grade of C.

COURSE CREDIT EXCLUSIONS

Please refer to [York Courses Website](#) for a listing of any course credit exclusions.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TAKING THE COURSE

You will need a high-speed, stable internet connection for the course. To attend an office hour via Zoom, you will also need a computer with webcam and microphone and/or a smart device with these features. Instructions on how to register to borrow a laptop can be found here: <https://uit.yorku.ca/offcampus/> under the heading "If you don't have a computer at home."
A way to determine Internet connection and speed: there are online tests, such as [Speedtest](#), that can be run.

Useful links describing computing information, resources and help for students:

[Student Guide to Moodle](#)

[Zoom@YorkU Best Practices](#)

[Zoom@YorkU User Reference Guide](#)

[Computing for Students Website](#)

[Student Guide to eLearning at York University](#)

Please be advised that there are no accommodations for technical issues during the tests or the final examination.

COURSE WEBSITE

All course information will be posted on eClass.

Course Materials Copyright Information:

These course materials are designed for use as part of the HH/PSYC 2110 3.0M course at York University and are the property of the course instructor unless otherwise stated. Third party copyrighted materials (such as book chapters, journal articles, music, videos, etc.) have either been licensed for use in this course or fall under an exception or limitation in Canadian Copyright law. Copying this material for distribution (e.g. uploading material to a commercial third-party website) may lead to a violation of Copyright law. [Intellectual Property Rights Statement](#).

Please note that 1) the recordings should be used for educational purposes of PSYC 2110.03 M only and as a means for enhancing accessibility; 2) students do not have permission to duplicate, copy and/or distribute the recordings outside of the class (these acts can violate not only copyright laws but also [FIPPA](#) and intellectual property rights).

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores physical, cognitive and socioemotional development in infancy and childhood. Major topics include age changes in physical development, cognition, personality and social relations; influence of families, peers, schools, community and media; pathologies of infancy and childhood as well as methods of intervention. Major theoretical frameworks, research methods, findings, issues and applications in the field will be discussed.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate broad knowledge of psycho-social determinants of development.
- Describe and evaluate current theory and research in developmental psychology.
- Understand and interpret principles of developmental psychology in everyday life.
- Define causes of human development from different perspectives.

Specific Learning Objectives:

1: Depth and Breadth of Knowledge

Students will acquire in-depth knowledge about the cultural, biological, cognitive, emotional and social aspects of human development. Students will learn how these multiple facets interact to influence our functioning and well-being.

2: Knowledge of Theories and Methodologies

Students will gain an understanding of the theoretical and empirical frameworks used in the study of developmental psychology.

3: Application of Knowledge

Students will apply their knowledge of developmental psychology by demonstrating the ability to apply concepts from the course material to real-life situations.

4: Awareness of Limits of Knowledge

Students will recognize the limits of what is known about developmental psychology.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Berk, L. E. & Meyers, A. B. (2016). *Infants and children: Prenatal through middle childhood* (8th edition). Boston, MA: Pearson.

COURSE FORMAT

All lectures will be pre-recorded and posted on eClass. The lecture slides will also be posted on eClass. The lecture slides and lecture recordings will be posted by 11:30 a.m. on lecture dates. Students may attend to these recordings at their convenience (no synchronous sessions). The eClass page for the course is arranged by date and the materials for each lecture will be posted under the lecture date. The T.A.s will hold their office hour during the last hour of the lecture slot. The course instructor and T.A.s will be available during the lecture slot to answer any questions.

Please note that the tests and final exam will take place on specific dates and at specific times and students must complete these components as scheduled. Test 1 will take place on February 5th at 11:30 a.m. and Test 2 will take place on March 12th at 11:30 a.m. The final exam will take place during the final exam period. Students must be available to complete the final exam as scheduled by the Registrar's Office. Instructions on how to access the test/exam will be posted on eClass one week before each test and the final exam. Short practice tests will also be provided the week before each test.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS

<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Date of Evaluation</u>	<u>Weighting</u>
Test 1	February 5	30%
Test 2	March 12	30%
Final Exam	Exam Period (April 14-28)	40%
Total		100%

ADD/DROP DEADLINES

For a list of all important dates please refer to: [Fall/Winter 2020-21 Important Dates](#)

	Fall (F)	Year (Y)	Winter (W)
Last date to add a course without permission of instructor (also see Financial Deadlines)	Sept 22.	Sept 22.	Jan. 25
Last date to add a course with permission of instructor (also see Financial Deadlines)	Oct. 6	Oct. 27	Feb. 8
Drop deadline: Last date to drop a course without receiving a grade (also see Financial Deadlines)	Nov. 6	Feb. 5	March 12
Course Withdrawal Period (withdraw from a course and receive a grade of "W" on transcript – see note below)	Nov. 7-Dec. 8	Feb. 6 – April 12	March 13-April 12

Add and Drop Deadline Information

There are deadlines for adding and dropping courses, both academic and financial. Since, for the most part, the dates are **different**, be sure to read the information carefully so that you understand the differences between the sessional dates below and the [Refund Tables](#).

You are strongly advised to pay close attention to the "Last date to enrol without permission of course instructor" deadlines. These deadlines represent the last date students have unrestricted access to the registration and enrolment system. After that date, you must contact the professor/department offering the course to arrange permission.

You can drop courses using the registration and enrolment system up until the last date to drop a course without receiving a grade (drop deadline).

You may [withdraw from a course](#) using the registration and enrolment system after the drop deadline until the last day of class for the term associated with the course. When you withdraw from a course, the course remains on your transcript without a grade and is notated as 'W'. The withdrawal will not affect your grade point average or count towards the credits required for your degree.

TESTS AND FINAL EXAM

The tests and final exam will consist of 60 multiple choice questions and 2 essay questions. Test 2 and the final exam are noncumulative.

Note: Students must be available during the official exam period of **April 14-28** to write the final exam.

Missed Tests and Exam

For any missed test or exam, students MUST complete the following online form which will be received and reviewed in the Psychology Undergraduate Office.

[HH PSYC: Missed Tests/Exams Form](#). Failure to complete the form within 48 hours of the original test/exam will result in a grade of zero for the missed test/exam. Students must notify the course instructor and T.A.s of the missed test/exam before submitting the above form. There will be one opportunity provided to write the make-up test/exam.

GRADING AS PER SENATE POLICY

The grading scheme for the course conforms to the 9-point grading system used in undergraduate programs at York (e.g., A+ = 9, A = 8, B+ = 7, C+ = 5, etc.). Assignments and tests* will bear either a letter grade designation or a corresponding number grade (e.g. A+ = 90 to 100, A = 80 to 89, B+ = 75 to 79, etc.)

For a full description of York grading system see the York University Undergraduate Calendar - [Grading Scheme for 2020-21](#)

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

This course will be delivered in an online format. It is expected that you would complete tests/exams in a manner that does not require consulting an unauthorised source during an examination.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Pre-recorded lectures will be posted by 11:30 a.m. on Fridays. Students may attend to these recordings at their convenience (no synchronous sessions). Attendance at the regular class time is required for the two tests on February 5th and March 12th. Attendance is also required for the final exam as scheduled by the Registrar's Office.

EMAIL COMMUNICATION

Please use your York email address when communicating with the course instructor and T.A.s as messages from other addresses may not always be received and it is **your** responsibility to ensure that we receive your messages. **You should also save a copy of any message sent to the course instructor and/or T.A.s** Please follow appropriate email etiquette (indicate the course number and section in the subject field, include a formal greeting and sign with your full name and student number). You should receive a response within 48 hours. If you do not receive a response within 48 hours, please check your junk mail folder and follow up with us.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY FOR STUDENTS

York University takes academic integrity very seriously; please familiarize yourself with [Information about the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty](#). It is recommended that you review Academic Integrity by completing the [Academic Integrity Tutorial](#) and [Academic Honesty Quiz](#)

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

While all individuals are expected to satisfy the requirements of their program of study and to aspire to do so at a level of excellence, the university recognizes that persons with disabilities may require reasonable accommodation to enable them to do so. The university encourages students with disabilities to register with **Student Accessibility Services (SAS)** to discuss their accommodation needs as early as possible in the term to establish the recommended academic accommodations that will be communicated to Course Directors as necessary. **Please let me know as early as possible in the term if you anticipate requiring academic accommodation so that we can discuss how to consider your accommodation needs within the context of this course.**

<https://accessibility.students.yorku.ca/>

Excerpt from Senate Policy on Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities:

1. Pursuant to its commitment to sustaining an inclusive, equitable community in which all members are treated with respect and dignity, and consistent with applicable accessibility legislation, York University shall make reasonable and appropriate accommodations in order to promote the ability of students with disabilities to fulfill the academic requirements of their programs. This policy aims to eliminate systemic barriers to participation in academic activities by students with disabilities.

All students are expected to satisfy the essential learning outcomes of courses. Accommodations shall be consistent with, support and preserve the academic integrity of the curriculum and the academic

standards of courses and programs. For further information please refer to: [York University Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities Policy.](#)