



TEXARKANA COLLEGE

PSYC2314: Lifespan Psych Syllabus (Sum)

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Course Overview

The study will concern the physical, mental, and emotional characteristics of the individual from conception throughout the lifespan. Specific topics will include: basic theories and research in developmental psychology; parent-child relationships; identification, peer relations; self-concepts; language learning, perceptual and cognitive development. Course will give special focus to crises which occur as persons live out their lives.

Required Text

Lifespan Development, A Psychological Perspective, 2nd edition. By Martha Lally and Suzanne Valentine-French. (Book can be found online (for free!) at this address: <http://dept.clcillinois.edu/psy/LifespanDevelopment.pdf>)

Course Materials

- Jenzabar: All coursework is completed through the MyTC platform.
- Internet access

Course Schedule

Week	Assignments
Week 1	Course Verification Statement Read Chapters 1 & 2 Journal Entry Ch. 1 ONLY Test 1: Ch. 1/2
Week 2	Read Chapter 3 & 4 Journal Entry Ch. 3 & 4 Test 2: Ch. 3/4
Week 3	Read Chapter 5 & 6 Journal Entry Ch. 5 & 6 Test 3: Ch. 5/6
Week 4	Read Chapter 7 & 8 Journal Entry Ch. 7 & 8 Test 4: Ch. 7/8
Week 5	Read Chapter 9 & 10 Journal Entry Ch. 9 ONLY Test 5: Ch. 9/10

Coursework/Grading

Chapter Reading: You are responsible for reading the chapter each week.

Journal Assignments: There will be a journal assignment for most chapters. You will submit your journal by Sunday at midnight of each week. 8 total journals for the semester, 100 points each.

Tests: There are 5 tests total for this course. Each test will cover 2 chapters from the book. Tests are due by Sunday at midnight of the assigned week. *This course DOES NOT have a final exam. 5 total tests for the semester, 100 points each.

Attendance/Missed Assignments

This course is completely online. Tests will be taken through the Moodle platform and DO NOT have to be taken at the testing center. We DO NOT have a specific meeting time, as this course is designed very similarly to an independent study. In order to avoid being dropped from this course you **MUST** complete the Course Verification Statement by August 23, 2020. I will not drop students based on missed assignments; however, you will not be able to make up any assignments that you may miss. *Exceptions include doctor's excuses or prior arrangements being made with me. If you know you will miss an assignment, or if you miss due to an emergency, **CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS!**

Academic Dishonesty

Scholastic dishonesty, involving but not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion, or falsification of records will make the student liable for disciplinary action after being investigated by the Dean of Students. Proven violations of this nature will result in the student being dropped from the class with an "F". This policy applies campus wide, including TC Testing Center, as well as off-campus classroom or lab sites, including dual credit campuses. This information can be found in the TC Catalog/Student Handbook at <https://texarkanacollege.edu>.

Disability Act Statement

Texarkana College complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact Larry Andrews at 903.823.3349 or go by his office located in the Palmer Memorial Library. If you have an accommodation letter from his office indicating that you have a disability which requires academic accommodations, please present it to me so we can discuss the accommodations that you might need for this class. It is best to request these changes at the beginning if not before the start of class so there is ample time to make the accommodations.

Financial Aid

Attention! Dropping this class may affect your funding in a negative way! You could owe money to the college and/or federal government. Please check with the Financial Aid office before making a decision.

Complaint Process

The complaint process can be found at <https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/online-classes-complaint-procedure.pdf>.

Technical Assistance

Online Issues: Please have a backup plan in place for technical difficulties. *Texarkana College is not responsible for issues related to your computer or internet service. Problems with your computer or internet service is not an excuse for completing your assignments by their deadline. Therefore, it is in your best interest NOT to wait until the deadlines are looming before you begin an assignment or exam. Texarkana College offers students several ways to access technical assistance for IT issues as well as their Moodle classrooms. Help Desk Link from TC's main webpage: <https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/helpdesk>. Phone: 903-823-3030. Email: helpdesk@texarkanacollege.edu

Alternate Operations during Campus Closure

In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, Texarkana College may need to move to altered operations and course delivery methods. During this time, Texarkana College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include but are not limited to: online learning management system (Jenzabar or Moodle), online conferencing through TEAMS, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor Texarkana College's website (www.texarkanacollege.edu) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, instructor email notifications on the method of delivery and course-specific communication, and Texarkana College email notifications for important general information.

COVID-19 Online/Virtual Environment Instructional Commitment

The ongoing Covid-19 situation will require that some course materials and instruction are provided through an online and/or virtual format. Even if all or a portion of a class was originally scheduled to meet face to face, social distancing guidelines associated with Covid-19 will limit the number of students who are able to attend face to face classes in person simultaneously. Further, circumstances associated with Covid-19 could cause the college to be forced to shift completely to an online and/or virtual delivery at any time during the semester. While TC faculty members are committed to providing students the option of face to face instruction if possible, students should be prepared to continue their classes in an online and/or virtual environment if necessary. Texarkana College is committed to maintaining engaging, high quality instruction regardless of the delivery format.

Computer Requirement Policy:

Students are required to have a computer with Internet access for classes. The computer must be an actual computer – smart phones, iPads, Androids, Chromebooks, etc., are not acceptable substitutes because they lack software compatibility necessary to complete all assignments and tests. Financial costs for the necessary equipment and internet access are the responsibility of the student.

Students needing to purchase a computer may do so through the Texarkana College Bookstore. Systems purchased through the bookstore meet or exceed all requirements, are competitively priced, and may be purchased using financial aid funds. If the system is purchased through another source, it is the student's responsibility to ensure the system meets all requirements.

Computer systems requirements:

- Webcam, microphone, and speakers or headphones
- Windows 10 or a recent version of Mac OS (minimum Sierra). Windows 10 S mode is not supported
- Hardware capable of running Microsoft Teams (free download) and supports multi-media playback
- Support for Chrome or Microsoft Edge – Note: Firefox, Safari, or other browsers may not work on all TC applications
- Able to run Microsoft Office which will be provided free to TC students
- Adobe Reader or another PDF viewer
- Antivirus software such as Windows Defender or another 3rd party anti-virus solution
- The Respondus Lockdown browser is used for taking tests; therefore, the system must be capable of running this software. Most newer systems that meet other specifications should work.

Students should regularly backup content to prevent loss of coursework due to hardware failure. Backup copies of documents and other coursework may be placed on OneDrive cloud storage. OneDrive is included free of charge for all TC students.

A list of Internet service providers can be found on the TC website at:

<https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/coronavirus/>.