



PSYC12010 *Introduction to Human Development*

Term 1 - 2018

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General Information

Overview

This unit will introduce you to the characteristics and processes of human development across the lifespan within the physical, cognitive and psychosocial developmental domains. The theoretical perspectives and concepts that guide thinking and study in the field of developmental science are introduced. A key emphasis throughout the unit is that developmental changes are the result of the complex interplay between nature (genetic endowment, biological influences and maturation) and nurture (environmental influences, experiences and learning). Both the universalities and diversities in human development are explored across diverse contexts and culture. The unit is designed to facilitate a critical and applied understanding of theory and research in the field of developmental science.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 2*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 10

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

PSYC11008 and PSYC11009

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 1 - 2018

- Adelaide
- Bundaberg
- Distance
- Rockhampton
- Townsville

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Online Quiz(zes)**

Weighting: 30%

2. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 40%

3. **Examination**

Weighting: 30%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Student Evaluation Feedback and Peer Feedback

Feedback

Exam structure: Some students felt that the exam did not allow a true reflection of their knowledge with having only two exam short essay questions.

Recommendation

Whilst the overall structure of the exam will remain to be two short essay responses, a choice between two options will be now included for the theory based question for future exams.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Identify and describe key developmental characteristics and changes within each of the major stages of the lifespan
2. Describe the areas and processes of development within the physical, cognitive and psychosocial domains
3. Evaluate the theories, concepts and methods in the field of developmental science
4. Critically analyse social, historical and cultural considerations that influence developmental change and the study of developmental science
5. Apply contemporary lifespan perspectives to explain developmental changes and concerns across diverse contexts and cultures
6. Critique and apply theory, concepts, and research pertinent to the optimisation of human development.

The learning outcomes in this unit build directly to the foundational competencies that form part of the Accreditation Standards for Psychology Programs (APAC, August, 2017).

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 - Online Quiz(zes) - 30%	•	•				
2 - Written Assessment - 40%					•	•
3 - Examination - 30%			•	•		

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 - Communication	•	•	•	•	•	•
2 - Problem Solving	•	•	•	•	•	•
3 - Critical Thinking	•	•	•	•	•	•
4 - Information Literacy	•	•	•	•	•	•
5 - Team Work						
6 - Information Technology Competence					•	•
7 - Cross Cultural Competence			•	•	•	•
8 - Ethical practice			•	•	•	•
9 - Social Innovation			•	•	•	•
10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures						

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

Assessment Tasks	Graduate Attributes									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 - Online Quiz(zes) - 30%		•	•	•		•	•	•		
2 - Written Assessment - 40%	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	
3 - Examination - 30%	•	•	•				•	•	•	

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

PSYC12010

Prescribed

Life Span Human Development

Second Australian and New Zealand Edition (2016)

Authors: Carol K. Sigelman, Elizabeth A. Rider, Linda DeGeorge-Walker

Cengage Learning

South Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

ISBN: 9780170262170

Binding: Other

Additional Textbook Information

Optional student resources CengageNOW and SearchMe! are automatically bundled with new textbook purchases. Those who purchase second hand textbooks without these resources may purchase these resources separately by directly contacting the publisher Cengage.

[View textbooks at the CQUniversity Bookshop](#)

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 05 Mar 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Introduction to Life Span Human Development	Chapter 1 and pages 431 to 436 of Chapter 12	Lecture

Week 2 - 12 Mar 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Theories of Human Development	Chapter 2 and Additional Readings on Moodle: Kilcullen, M. & Day, A. (2017). Velez-Agosto et al., 2017	Lecture and Tutorial - combined Quizzes 1, 2 & 3 open Monday 12 March 2018 8:00AM AEST

Week 3 - 19 Mar 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Genes, Environment, and the Beginnings of Life	Chapter 3	Lecture and Tutorial - combined
Week 4 - 26 Mar 2018		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Physical Growth, Motor Development, and Health	Chapter 4	Lecture and Tutorial - combined
Week 5 - 02 Apr 2018		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Cognitive Development	Chapter 5	Lecture ITEMS DUE: Quiz 1 Closes Friday 6 April 2018 5:00pm AEST Assessment 1: Online Quiz(zes) Due: Week 5 Friday (6 Apr 2018) 5:00 pm AEST
Vacation Week - 09 Apr 2018		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
No Scheduled Classes or Activities		
Week 6 - 16 Apr 2018		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Information Processing: Perception, Attention, and Memory	Chapter 6	Lecture
Week 7 - 23 Apr 2018		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Intelligence and Creativity	Chapter 7	Lecture
Week 8 - 30 Apr 2018		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Language and Education	Chapter 8	Lecture
Week 9 - 07 May 2018		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Self and Personality	Chapter 9	Lecture - will include discussion about Exam ITEMS DUE: Assessment 2 - Due Monday 7 May 2018 09:00am AEST Quiz 2 - Closes Friday 11 May 2018 5:00pm AEST Assessment 2: Written Assessment Due: Week 9 Monday (7 May 2018) 9:00 am AEST
Week 10 - 14 May 2018		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Social Cognition and Moral Development	Chapter 10	Lecture
Week 11 - 21 May 2018		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Social Relationships and Attachment	Chapter 11	Lecture

Week 12 - 28 May 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Death and Dying	Chapter 13	Lecture ITEMS DUE: Quiz 3 - Closes Friday 1st June 2018 5:00pm AEST

Review/Exam Week - 04 Jun 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Exam Week - 11 Jun 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Assessment Tasks

1 Assessment 1: Online Quiz(zes)

Assessment Type

Online Quiz(zes)

Task Description

This assessment task comprises of three (3) quizzes to be completed and submitted online via the Unit's Moodle site. All three quizzes will open on the same day (Monday, Week 2) to allow students to work ahead of the schedule if they wish. However, **each quiz will close at different times throughout the term** as detailed below, and in your Schedule. Each quiz will consist of 40 questions (10 questions per topic), with a maximum of 120 minutes in which to complete each quiz. The quiz questions will be in multiple choice format. *Only one attempt per quiz is permitted.*

Quiz 1 - Assesses topics 1 to 4

Quiz 2 - Assesses topics 5 to 8

Quiz 3 - Assesses topics 9 to 12

Number of Quizzes

3

Frequency of Quizzes

Other

Assessment Due Date

Week 5 Friday (6 Apr 2018) 5:00 pm AEST

QUIZ 1 closes Friday of Week 5 at 5pm AEST. QUIZ 2 closes Friday of Week 9 at 5pm AEST. QUIZ 3 closes Friday of Week 12 at 5pm AEST.

Return Date to Students

Week 12 Friday (1 June 2018)

Quiz total marks will be returned to students immediately after each quiz is submitted. Marks for each quiz question will be available after each quiz closes.

Weighting

30%

Assessment Criteria

For each quiz, one (1) mark will be awarded for each quiz question answered correctly, and there will be no negative marking penalty for incorrect answers.

Each quiz is marked out of 40 and weighted at 10% of the final unit grade.

ALL QUIZZES MUST BE ATTEMPTED TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PASS THIS UNIT.

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

All quizzes are to be completed and submitted on the Unit's Moodle site.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Identify and describe key developmental characteristics and changes within each of the major stages of the lifespan
- Describe the areas and processes of development within the physical, cognitive and psychosocial domains

Graduate Attributes

- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice

2 Assessment 2: Written Assessment

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

For this assessment task, students will prepare a **report** that focuses on a selected topic and around the three main goals of the study of lifespan developmental science - to *describe*, *explain*, and *optimise* human development across the lifespan.

More specifically, in the report students will *describe* a developmental concern and the implications; *explain* the causes and origins of the concern; and then provide broad recommendations about how to prevent the concern to *optimise* development.

It is expected that the **bioecological model** and relevant elements of a **lifespan perspective** (e.g. A lifespan developmental model of health) / **or model** (e.g. Attachment; Transactional Model of Family Influence) will be integrated within the written assessment.

You might like to think of this assessment task in terms of imagining yourself as a consultant who has been commissioned to prepare a report for a human services, social or government agency that would like to know what they can do to more effectively prevent a particular developmental concern using an evidence-based approach.

The report length is 2,000 words +/- 10%, that is, the absolute maximum number of words is to be 2,200 words. The word count includes everything in your submission except the Title page, Abstract, and References list. Tables and any figures or bullet points that might be used within the report will all contribute to the word count.

The report topic choices and further task details will be available from the Assessment 2 Information Sheet on the Unit's Moodle site.

Assessment Due Date

Week 9 Monday (7 May 2018) 9:00 am AEST

To be uploaded as a word document to the Assignments Submission area on the Unit's Moodle site.

Return Date to Students

Week 12 Friday (1 June 2018)

Marked Assessments will be returned to students via email once all assessments are marked. Grades will also be visible in student gradebook on the Unit's Moodle site.

Weighting

40%

Assessment Criteria

The following aspects of the written assessment will be marked using a rubric which provides detailed criteria for performance at each grade level. The marking rubric will be available from the Assessment 2 Information Sheet on the Unit's Moodle site.

1. Part A: Introduction & Background (10 marks)
2. Part B: Origins and Causes (10 marks)
3. Part C: Recommendations (10 marks)
4. Quality of literacy and written communication skills (5 marks)
5. Adherence to APA (6th ed.) referencing / presentation style (5 marks)

This report will receive a total mark out of 40 and also has an overall Unit weighting of 40%.

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Must be submitted as a word document to the Assignments submission area of the Unit's Moodle site.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Apply contemporary lifespan perspectives to explain developmental changes and concerns across diverse contexts and cultures
- Critique and apply theory, concepts, and research pertinent to the optimisation of human development.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice
- Social Innovation

Examination

Outline

Complete an invigilated examination.

Date

During the examination period at a CQUniversity examination centre.

Weighting

30%

Length

180 minutes

Exam Conditions

Closed Book.

Materials

Dictionary - non-electronic, concise, direct translation only (dictionary must not contain any notes or comments).

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem