

**California State University, Fresno****Psych 101****Child Psychology**

**Text** (required): Santrock, J.W. (2009). Child Development (12<sup>th</sup> ed.) New York, NY: McGraw-Hill.

**Course Description:** This course introduces students to child psychology. Key concepts, issues and methods of the field will be discussed. Recent research findings will be covered. Major topics will include physical, cognitive, social and personality development, contexts of childhood, and child psychological disorders.

**Course Objectives:** The Psychology department has developed a list of objectives for undergraduate psychology majors. You can get a copy of this list from the Psychology department office. The following objectives are relevant to this courses:

1. Summarize and evaluate the literature on topics in psychology.
2. Demonstrate a broad knowledge of theory and research in social process and developmental changes.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the different research methodologies used by psychologists.
4. Summarize and evaluate the literature on topics in psychology including distinguishing between primary and secondary sources and empirical versus other sources.
5. Construct examples of how psychological theories and principles relate to everyday life.
6. Explain an observed or described behavior using at least three different psychological theories or models.
7. Formulate how the knowledge, skills and/or values of psychology can be applied to various careers.
8. Explain the value of psychological science in society including how it suggests solutions for real-world problems.
9. Describe ethical principals that pertain to issues of culture and diversity.

**Grades**

Course grades will be based on the following criteria:

Three exams: 45% total (15% each)

Journal:	10%
Project:	25%
Final exam	20%

The course grade assigned will be based on the standard scale: 90% and above is an A, 80 to 89% is a B, 70 to 79% is a C, 60 to 69% is a D, 59% and below is an F.

**Exams**

The three midterm exams will consist of approximately 50 multiple choice questions. You will need scantron form 882-E or 882-ES or 882-LOVAS for each exam. An exam may be made up only if it was missed due to a genuine emergency.