

City University of Hong Kong
Course Syllabus

offered by Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences
with effect from Semester A 2024/2025

Part I Course Overview

Course Title:	Life Span Development
Course Code:	SS5752
Course Duration:	1 Semester
Credit Units:	3
Level:	P5
Medium of Instruction:	English
Medium of Assessment:	English
Prerequisites: (Course Code and Title)	1) MSSPSY Students : NIL 2) MSSC Students (cohort 2016 and thereafter): NIL 3) Other programme students: SS2023 Basic Psychology I or its equivalent
Precursors: (Course Code and Title)	Nil
Equivalent Courses: (Course Code and Title)	Nil
Exclusive Courses: (Course Code and Title)	Nil

Part II Course Details

1. Abstract

This course aims to enable students to (1) understand the nature and basic concepts of human development, and (2) analyze the characteristics and needs at different stages through the life span.

2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

(CILOs state what the student is expected to be able to do at the end of the course according to a given standard of performance.)

No.	CILOs	Weighting (if applicable)	Discovery-enriched curriculum related learning outcomes (please tick where appropriate)		
			A1	A2	A3
1.	Describe milestones and characteristics during the courses of development throughout the life span and their implications for development and intergenerational issues.	40%	✓	✓	
2.	Explain behaviours and phenomenon during the courses of development and put the theories into practice (e.g., for educational settings).	20%	✓	✓	
3.	Discuss critically with support from the literature and real life situation issues and concerns central to human development.	20%	✓	✓	
4.	Analyze underlying factors which contribute to variations in human development.	20%	✓	✓	
		100%			

A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to real-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

3. Learning and Teaching Activities (LTAs)

(LTAs designed to facilitate students' achievement of the CILOs.)

LTA	Brief Description	CILO No.				Hours/week (if applicable)
		1	2	3	4	
1.	<u>Lecture:</u> Introducing theoretical perspectives to the understanding of human development across the life span.	√	√	√	√	
2.	<u>Group discussions/observations:</u> Students will critically analyse different developmental issues.	√	√	√	√	
3.	<u>Case Study:</u> Students will use cases to illustrate events and issues concerning development across the life span.	√	√	√	√	

4. Assessment Tasks/Activities (ATs)

(ATs are designed to assess how well the students achieve the CILOs.)

Assessment Tasks/Activities	CILO No.				Weighting	Remarks
	1	2	3	4		
Continuous Assessment: <u>100</u> %						
AT1: Quiz	√	√	√	√	40%	Individual
AT2: Group Project Presentation	√	√	√	√	30%	Group
AT3: Individual Report	√	√	√	√	30%	Individual
Examination: _____% (duration: _____, if applicable)						
					100%	

5. Assessment Rubrics

(Grading of student achievements is based on student performance in assessment tasks/activities with the following rubrics.)

Applicable to students admitted before Semester A 2022/23 and in Semester A 2024/25 & thereafter

Assessment Task	Criterion	Excellent (A+, A, A-)	Good (B+, B, B-)	Fair (C+, C, C-)	Marginal (D)	Failure (F)
1. Quiz (40%)	Assess students' abilities in mastering, applying and synthesizing theories and concepts explained in the course, and to evaluate the applicability of developmental psychology principles to practical situations. Quiz items will be designed to test students' understanding of terminology and concepts and students' ability to integrate and apply these concepts to analyze hypothetical and/or real-life examples.	Superior grasp of theories and concepts about human development	Good grasp of theories and concepts about human development	Evidence of proper understanding about theories and concepts in human development	Sufficient familiarity with major theories and concepts in human development to enable the student to progress without repeating the course	Little familiarity with major theories and concepts in human development
2. Group Project Presentation (30%)	Evaluate students' abilities to critically assess the relevance and applicability of developmental psychological principles to a specific life issue.	Evidence of extensive knowledge base and innovative ideas of human development	Evidence of good knowledge base and innovative ideas of human development	Evidence of some knowledge and innovative ideas of human development	Sufficient knowledge of human development to enable the student to progress without repeating the course	Little knowledge of human development

3. Individual Report (30%)	Evaluate students' ability to accurately and comprehensively present information related to life span development. Assess their capacity to analyze and interpret data related to developmental issues and determine the effectiveness of their written communication skills in conveying their findings.	Evidence of extensive knowledge base and innovative ideas of human development	Evidence of good knowledge base and innovative ideas of human development	Evidence of some knowledge and innovative ideas of human development	Sufficient knowledge of human development to enable the student to progress without repeating the course	Little knowledge of human development
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Applicable to students admitted from Semester A 2022/23 to Summer Term 2024

Assessment Task	Criterion	Excellent (A+, A, A-)	Good (B+, B)	Marginal (B-, C+, C)	Failure (F)
1. Quiz	Assess students' abilities in mastering, applying and synthesizing theories and concepts explained in the course, and to evaluate the applicability of developmental psychology principles to practical situations. Quiz items will be designed to test students' understanding of terminology and concepts and students' ability to integrate and apply these concepts to	Superior grasp of theories and concepts about human development	Good grasp of theories and concepts about human development	Fair to limited grasp of theories and concepts about human development	Insufficient grasp of theories and concepts about human development

	analyze hypothetical and/or real-life examples.				
2. Group Project Presentation	Evaluate students' abilities to critically assess the relevance and applicability of developmental psychological principles to a specific life issue.	Evidence of extensive knowledge base and innovative ideas of human development	Evidence of good knowledge base and innovative ideas of human development	Evidence of some knowledge base and innovative ideas of human development	Insufficient knowledge base and lacking innovative ideas of human development
3. Individual Report	Evaluate students' ability to accurately and comprehensively present information related to life span development. Assess their capacity to analyze and interpret data related to developmental issues and determine the effectiveness of their written communication skills in conveying their findings.	Evidence of extensive knowledge base and innovative ideas of human development	Evidence of good knowledge base and innovative ideas of human development	Evidence of some knowledge base and innovative ideas of human development	Insufficient knowledge base and lacking innovative ideas of human development

Part III Other Information (more details can be provided separately in the teaching plan)

1. Keyword Syllabus

Human Development; Infancy and Toddlerhood; Childhood; Adolescence; Adulthood.

2. Recommended Reading

1.	Santrock, J. W. (2015). Life-span development (15th ed.). Boston, MA: McGraw Hill.
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