

Course Expectations Letter

Subject: Psychology 112 - Lifespan Development

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Catalog Course Description:

Advisory: ENGL 035 or ENLA 100 or appropriate assessment; READ 023 or appropriate assessment

Transfers to: UC (credit limit), CSU*

(*Students will receive credit from UC for only one of the following courses: PSY 112 or CD 106)

This course provides an overview of human psychological development across the lifespan. It addresses the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional changes that occur from the prenatal period through death. It explores the development issues of stability vs. change, continuity vs. discontinuity, and nature vs. nurture, and examines the perspectives of major developmental theorists, including Freud, Erickson, and Piaget. It explores current research findings and their applicability to ongoing developmental problems. This course is appropriate for the student seeking to develop a better understanding of the development gains and losses that occur throughout our lives.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Demonstrate an ability to understand and apply the nature-nurture dimension in various human behaviors that develop over the life-span.
2. Identify and analyze the effect of non-normative life events, normative history-graded events, and normative age-graded events in the lives of others and in the student's own life.
3. Given research findings and theories in psychology, describe and/or evaluate the role that both genetics and environment play in different behaviors.

By logging into Canvas you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in [BP 5500 \(Standards of Conduct\)](#) and [AP 5520 \(Student Conduct Procedures\)](#) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the college.

This is **NOT** a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

Textbook: Please consult the Bookstore for information at (562) 463-7345 or go to [Rio Hondo College Online Bookstore](#)

This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:

Students are expected to participate at least 3 times a week on the online Discussion forum. If the course is taught in 10 weeks or less, required work will be due every week.

The instructor will generally respond to your queries - and grade your work - within 24 hours. If there will be a delay, you will be informed.

Once class starts, the Course Messages system will be used for one-on-one student-instructor communication. Until then, please send your question on to me at mpilati@riohondo.edu.

The instructor may drop you for non-participation.

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Canvas.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Online Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientation can be found at: <http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation//>

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the [Disabled Students & Programs](#) office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

Modifications and Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade.