

COURSE SYLLABUS

Developmental Psychology - 2

2122-1-E2401P010-T2

Learning area

1: Knowledge and skills useful to understand, promote and change individual psychological functioning

Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding

Aims of the class are:

- To provide students with basic knowledge about theories of psychological development.
- To illustrate changes occurring in psychological functions and behaviour from birth to adolescence in the areas of perceptual, cognitive, emotional and social development.
- To introduce students to the most critical issues related to the explanation of developmental change and the mechanisms behind those changes.

Applying knowledge and understanding

- Understanding the challenge of explaining psychological development.
- Gain perspective on biological, physical, cognitive, and social-emotional changes across the lifespan.
- Developing critical thinking about historical and current arguments in the field.

Contents

Nature and Nurture

prenatal and infant development in psychological functioning and motor domains

main psychology developments in preschool age

main psychology developments in school age and preadolescence

Detailed program

The main questions and theories of Developmental Psychology,

Nature and Nurture

Motivational systems in infancy and the sensitive periods

Ecology and development

Prenatal and infant development of psychological and motor functioning

Main psychological acquisitions and changes in preschool age about the in cognitive, communicative, linguistic, social, emotional and affective processes,

the development of personal identity and Self

The Typical Developmental Trajectories of the psychological Functions

Main psychological acquisitions and changes in childhood, preadolescence and adolescence

Main methodological approaches in Developmental Psychology

Main authors and theories: Piaget, Vygotskij, Bruner

Prerequisites

Nothing specific.

Teaching methods

Lectures, discussions, video presentations, practical training.

Lessons will be held in presence or through online video lessons, according to the University's regulations regarding the COVID-19 emergency situation. In both cases, all lessons will be video recorded and made available to the students.

Assessment methods

The exam is written with oral interview upon request. The written exam includes multiple choice questions and open questions.

During the Covid-19 emergency, exams will be conducted according to the University's regulations regarding the COVID-19 emergency situation.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

- Macchi Cassia V., Valenza E., Simion F. (2012). Lo sviluppo della mente umana. Dalle teorie classiche ai nuovi orientamenti. Bologna: Il Mulino
 - Santrock, J.W. (2017). Psicologia dello sviluppo (3° ed.). McGraw Hill
 - Murray, L. (2015). Le prime relazioni del bambino. Milano: Cortina
 - Lecture Slides
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