Prerequisites: AK/AS/HH/SC/PSYC 1010 6.00 or AK/HH/PSYC 2410 6.00, with a minimum grade of C; AK/AS/HH/SC/PSYC 2030 3.00 or AK/HH/PSYC 2530 3.00; one of AK/AS/HH/SC/PSYC 2021 3.00, AK/AS/HH/SC/PSYC 2020 6.00, AK/HH/PSYC 2510 3.00; AK/AS/HH/SC/PSYC 2110 3.00 or AK/HH/PSYC 3240 3.00.

Course credit exclusions: AK/AS/HH/SC/PSYC 4010 6.00, AK/PSYC 4140 3.00 (prior to Summer 2002), GL/PSYC 4510 3.00.

Seminar Meeting: Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. in 103 Founders College

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to help students deepen their knowledge and understanding of human development through a comprehensive and analytical study of current thinking and research in developmental psychology. There will be special focus on applying developmental psychology to real-world problems. In the first part of the course, we look at issues and controversies surrounding applied developmental research. We will then explore how physical, cognitive and social-emotional development relates to real-world issues. We will also look at how real-world experiences impact different aspects of development.

Seminar meetings will interweave theories, methods, findings, issues and applications in exploring particular areas of development in depth. The required readings present a sample of
some of the contemporary and specialized research in the field and will be used to capture some of the enduring conceptual issues in developmental psychology.

**COURSE COMPONENTS**
- Reading reflection: 10% (1% per session for 10 sessions)
- Seminar participation: 10% (1% per session for 10 sessions)
- Midterm test: 20%
- Individual presentation: 30%
- Term paper: 30%

**COURSE DROP DEADLINE**
The last day to drop this course without receiving a grade is Friday, July 19, 2013.