

**Faculty of Health  
Department of Psychology  
PSYC 3500 3.0 Section M  
DEVELOPMENT IN ADOLESCENCE  
Winter 2020**

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**Lecture Time:** Wednesday 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

**Lecture Location:** Curtis Lecture Hall E

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**COURSE PREREQUISITE (S)**

**Course prerequisites are strictly enforced.**

- HH/PSYC 1010 6.00 (Introduction to Psychology), with a minimum grade of C
- HH/PSYC 2110 3.00 (Developmental Psychology)
- Completed at least 54 earned credits

**COURSE CREDIT EXCLUSIONS**

- Please refer to [York Courses Website](#) for a listing of any course credit exclusions.

**COURSE WEBSITE**

**Moodle:** All course information will be posted on [Moodle](#).

**Course Materials Copyright Information:**

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

An examination of data and theories relating to the psychology of adolescent development. Major topics include age changes in physical development, cognition, personality and social relations; influence of families, peers, schools, community and media; pathologies of adolescence and methods of intervention.

### **Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of development in adolescence
- Articulate trends in the psychology of adolescent development
- Express knowledge development in adolescence in written form
- Describe and explain limits to generalizability of research findings on development in adolescence
- Demonstrate ability to relate information on development in adolescence to own and others' life experiences

### **Specific Learning Objectives:**

#### **1: Depth and Breadth of Knowledge**

Students will acquire in-depth knowledge of the diversities of the adolescent experience related to the cultural, biological, cognitive, emotional and social aspects of development. Students will learn how these multiple facets interact to influence the functioning and well-being of adolescents.

#### **2: Knowledge of Theories and Methodologies**

Students will gain an understanding of the theoretical and empirical frameworks used in the study of adolescence. Both the course material and work on the term paper will provide opportunities to develop skills to critically analyze primary research.

#### **3: Application of Knowledge**

Students will apply their knowledge of development in adolescence by demonstrating the ability to apply concepts from the course material to real-life situations.

#### **4: Awareness of Limits of Knowledge**

Students will recognize the limits of what is known about development in adolescence and have opportunities to suggest directions for future research and interventions.

#### **5: Communication Skills**

Students will learn to engage in evidence-based dialogues with class colleagues and the course instructor.

### **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK**

McMahan, I. & Thompson, S. (2015). *Adolescence* (Canadian Edition). Toronto, ON: Pearson Canada Inc.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS

<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Date of Evaluation</u>	<u>Weighting</u>
Midterm Test	February 26	35%
Term Paper	April 1	30%
Final Exam	Exam Period (April 7 - 25)	35%
Total		100%

### MIDTERM TEST AND FINAL EXAM

Both the midterm test and final exam will consist of 60 multiple choice questions and 8 short answer questions. The final exam is noncumulative.

Note: Students must be available during the official exam period of **April 7-25** to write the final exam.

### MISSED TESTS/EXAMS

Students with a documented reason for missing a test/exam, such as illness, compassionate grounds, etc., which is confirmed by supporting documentation may request accommodation from the course instructor. Students who miss the test or final exam must contact the **T.A.** by email within 48 hours of the original test or exam. If you cannot contact the T.A. during this 48-hour period, subsequent documentation accounting for the delay **must** be provided. Students who write tests and exams with Alternate Exams should contact **the course instructor** within 48 hours of missing the test/exam. Tests/exams missed due to medical circumstances must be supported by an **attending physician's statement** (<http://www.registrar.yorku.ca/pdf/attending-physicians-statement.pdf>) or a statement by a psychologist or counselor.

**NOTE:** the physician's office may be contacted to verify that the forms were completed by the physician.

Tests/exams missed due to non-medical circumstances must be supported by appropriate documentation, i.e., death certificates, obituary notice, automobile accident reports, airline/bus ticket/receipt for emergency travel (with date of booking on ticket), etc. Airline/train/bus ticket/receipts for emergency travel must indicate destination, departure, and return dates. **Having to work at the time of a test is not considered a valid excuse for missing the test.**

A conflict with another course during the time of the make-up test is not an acceptable reason for missing the make-up test (unless there is an examination in the other course at that time, for which you will be required to provide proof). You should be aware that if you miss the make-up test as scheduled, you may not receive the requisite 15% feedback on your course work before the course drop deadline to determine whether or not you need to drop the course. Therefore, it is in your best interests to write tests as scheduled by the course instructor.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Only extremely unusual circumstances would warrant a second chance at a make-up test. Permission from the **course instructor** is required before a second make-up test can be scheduled. Further extensions or accommodation will require students to submit a formal petition to the Faculty.

### **Important New Information Regarding Missed Tests**

For any missed tests or late assignments, students **MUST** complete the following online form which will be received and reviewed in the Psychology Undergraduate Office.

[HH PSYC: Missed Tests/Exams Form](#). Failure to complete the form within 48 hours of the original deadline will result in a grade of zero for the test/assignment.

### **DESCRIPTION OF TERM PAPER ASSIGNMENT**

All students are required to complete a term paper. The purpose of this paper is to give you an opportunity to explore and learn more about a particular aspect of adolescence. The paper will be a critical review of a popular press article about some aspect of adolescence, e.g. adolescents' use of social media affects their brain circuitry. The article must have been published **within the last year (January 2019 – April 2020)**. More detailed instructions will be posted on Moodle during the first week of classes.

The term paper (hard copy) is due at the last lecture on **April 1, 2020**. In addition, you must submit your paper to Turnitin on Moodle (instructions will be posted on Moodle a week before the due date). **Papers will not be marked unless we receive both the hard copy and electronic copy.** The paper is worth 30 marks.

### **LATE ASSIGNMENTS**

Assignments received later than the due date will be penalized 10% (3 marks out of 30) per day that assignment is late (including weekends). Exceptions to the lateness penalty for valid reasons such as illness, compassionate grounds, etc. may be considered by the course instructor, but will require supporting documentation.

Hard copies of late papers should be handed in to the Psychology Undergraduate Office (291 BSB) or the Information Office (101 BSB) between 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Make sure to have them date/time stamp your paper.** Otherwise, the late penalty will continue to accumulate until the paper is received by the course instructor or T.A. It is **your** responsibility to ensure that your paper receives the date of receipt.

### **GRADING AS PER SENATE POLICY**

The grading scheme for the course conforms to the 9-point grading system used in undergraduate programs at York University (e.g., A+ = 9, A = 8, B+ = 7, C+ = 5, etc.).

Assignments and tests will bear either a letter grade designation or a corresponding number grade (e.g. A+ = 90 to 100, A = 80 to 90, B+ = 75 to 79, etc.)

For a full description of York grading system see the York University Undergraduate Calendar - [Grading Scheme for 2019-20](#)

## ADD/DROP DEADLINES

For a list of all important dates please refer to: [Fall/Winter 2019-20 - Important Dates](#)

	<b>FALL (F)</b>	<b>YEAR (Y)</b>	<b>WINTER (W)</b>
Last date to add a course <b>without permission</b> of instructor (also see Financial Deadlines)	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Jan. 19
Last date to add a course <b>with permission</b> of instructor (also see Financial Deadlines)	Oct. 1	Oct. 22	Feb. 3
Drop deadline: Last date to drop a course without receiving a grade (also see Financial Deadlines)	Nov. 8	Feb. 3	March 13
Course Withdrawal Period (withdraw from a course and receive a grade of "W" on transcript – see note below)	Nov. 9 - Dec. 3	Feb. 4 - Apr. 5	March 14 - Apr. 5

**\*Note:** *You may withdraw from a course using the registration and enrolment system after the drop deadline until the last day of class for the term associated with the course. When you withdraw from a course, the course remains on your transcript without a grade and is notated as "W". The withdrawal will not affect your grade point average or count towards the credits required for your degree.*

## ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Cell phones should be turned off or set to silent during the lecture. Please leave the lecture hall to make calls. The use of electronic devices should be limited to note-taking and accessing course material so as not to distract other students.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to attend all lectures. The midterm test and final exam will be based on lecture notes, textbook and lecture discussions.

## EMAIL COMMUNICATION

Please use your York email address when communicating with the course instructor and T.A. as messages from other addresses may not always be received and it is **your** responsibility to ensure that we receive your messages. For example, if you email the T.A. or course instructor that you missed a test/exam and we do not receive your message, you will not receive information about the make-up test/exam. If you miss the make-up test/exam for this reason, you will not receive another chance to write the make-up test/exam. **You should also save a copy of any message sent to the course instructor and/or T.A.** Please follow appropriate email etiquette (indicate the course number and section in the subject field, include a formal greeting and sign with your full name). You should receive a response within 48 hours. If you do not receive a response within 48 hours, please check your junk mail folder and follow up with us.

## **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY FOR STUDENTS**

York University takes academic integrity very seriously; please familiarize yourself with [Information about the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty](#).

It is recommended that you review Academic Integrity information [SPARK Academic Integrity modules](#). These modules explain principles of academic honesty.

## **TEST BANKS**

The offering for sale of, buying of, and attempting to sell or buy test banks (banks of test questions and/or answers), or any course specific test questions/answers is not permitted in the Faculty of Health. Any student found to be doing this may be considered to have breached the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty. In particular, buying and attempting to sell banks of test questions and/or answers may be considered as “Cheating in an attempt to gain an improper advantage in an academic evaluation” (article 2.1.1 from the Senate Policy) and/or “encouraging, enabling or causing others” (article 2.1.10 from the Senate Policy) to cheat.

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING A TEST/EXAMINATION**

Electronic mobile devices of any kind are not allowed during a test or examination. Students are required to turn off and secure any electronic mobile device in their bag which is to be placed under the chair while a test/exam is in progress. Any student observed with an electronic device during a test/exam may be reported to the Undergraduate Office for a potential breach of Academic Honesty.

## **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

While all individuals are expected to satisfy the requirements of their program of study and to aspire to do so at a level of excellence, the university recognizes that persons with disabilities may require reasonable accommodation to enable them to do so. The [York University Accessibility Hub](#) is your online stop for accessibility on campus. The [Accessibility Hub](#) provides tools, assistance and resources. **Policy Statement.**

**Policy:** York University shall make reasonable and appropriate accommodations and adaptations in order to promote the ability of students with disabilities to fulfill the academic requirements of their programs.

The nature and extent of accommodations shall be consistent with and supportive of the integrity of the curriculum and of the academic standards of programs or courses. Provided that students have given sufficient notice about their accommodation needs, instructors shall take reasonable steps to accommodate these needs in a manner consistent with the guidelines established hereunder.

For Further Information please refer to: [York university academic accommodation for students with disabilities policy](#).

## COURSE SCHEDULE

DATE	REQUIRED READINGS
Wednesday, January 8	Chapter 1 – Adolescence
Wednesday, January 15	Chapter 2 – Puberty and Physical Development
Wednesday, January 22	Chapter 3 – Cognitive Changes
Wednesday, January 29	Chapter 4 – Families
Wednesday, February 5	Chapter 5 – Peers
Wednesday, February 12	Chapter 6 – School and Work
<b>Wednesday, February 19</b>	<b>No class (Reading Week)</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 26</b>	<b>Midterm Test (35%)</b>
Wednesday, March 4	Chapter 7 – Community, Culture and the Media
Wednesday, March 11	Chapter 8 – Gender <b>Friday, March 13 is the last day to drop the course without receiving a grade</b>
Wednesday, March 18	Chapter 9 – Identity
Wednesday, March 25	Chapter 10 – Intimacy
Wednesday, April 1	Chapter 11 – Challenges Chapter 12 – Positive Prospects <b>Term Paper Due (30%)</b>
<b>TBD (Date set by RO) April 7 – 25</b>	<b>Final Exam (35%)</b>