



Developmental Psychology

Course Outline

The aim of the course is to introduce students to the branch of psychology concerned with psychological phenomena of all kinds and all the psychological changes that occur across the lifespan. The course will be mainly focused in infancy, childhood and adolescence. More specifically, the goals of the course are the following: a) To provide students with adequate knowledge in order to meet the child as a special psychosomatic organism and independent individual and b) to meet the challenge of the new research data on perception, cognition, language, skills, moral attitudes, and social relationships.

Main contents:

The following issues will be examined:

- 1) Introduction to developmental psychology,
- 2) Foundations of development,
- 3) Physical and motor development
- 4) Perceptual development
- 5) Stages of cognitive development in Piagetian and beyond Piagetian approaches,
- 6) Information-processing, core-knowledge and sociocultural approaches,
- 7) Language development,
- 8) Social development,
- 9) Emotional development,
- 10) Moral development

The course will be completed with the psychological issues/problems that may occur during infancy, childhood and adolescence.