

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Child & Adolescent Development

Course #: PSY 204

Course Description: This course is designed to study human development through the early years of growth, ie., from conception through puberty. Specifically, it examines cognitive, physical, and socio-emotional growth from conception through adolescence. Particular attention will be paid to theoretical aspects of cognitive and social development, as well as applications of these theories to human behavior. Emphasis is placed on research and methodology within the field.

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: PSY 111, with a grade of “C” or better.

Outcomes: Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Identify strengths and weaknesses of the research methods utilized by developmental psychologists.
2. To discuss, compare, and contrast each of the major theoretical perspectives that describe childhood development.
3. To apply their knowledge to observations of behavior.
4. To identify the major social influences that occur within each stage of childhood.
5. To describe the cognitive changes that children experiences as they grow.