

Psychology of Adulthood Syllabus
DEP 3404, Biscayne Bay Campus
Spring 2004, M W: 7:50pm – 9:05pm, Room: AI 265

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Required Texts *Development in Adulthood*, Lemme, B.H., 3rd edition
ISBN: 0-205-33174-2

Autobiography (paperback only) as selected by group (see Book Review below)

Course Objectives

- To explore the nature of development across adulthood with an emphasis on developmental diversity
- To present an accurate and balanced view of the aging process

Course Requirements*

Participation (50 points)

- You should plan on volunteering anecdotes in class and bringing in relevant articles for discussion. Attendance is not mandatory but topics discussed in class will differ from topics covered in the book. Should you miss class, you are responsible for getting missed notes from a classmate.

Paper I (50 points)

- This paper will be a two-page response paper (based on a topic determined in class). Required format: one-inch margins, double-spaced, 11-point Times New Roman font. If there are more than three typos or grammatical errors in the paper, 10 points will be deducted from the total points. Late papers accepted but 10 points deducted from total points earned per each day late.

Midterm (50 points) **

- The midterm exam will be 50 points total and consist of 40 multiple choice questions (from the book) and an essay (from lecture). You must contact me before the midterm exam is given if you cannot take the midterm. You may take a make-up (all essay) midterm exam. However, if you do not contact me before the midterm, you may not take the make-up and earn 0 points.

Book Review (50 points)

- 25 points - you will be given class time to select a group of 4-6 classmates for your book review group. The group will select an autobiography (paperback only to keep cost down). After reading the book individually, the group will meet during the week before Spring Break to critique the book (critique guidelines to be distributed in class).
- 25 points – each group member will write a two-page response paper based on your book review (Paper II). Required format: one-inch margins, double-spaced, 11-point Times New Roman font. If there are more than three typos or grammatical errors in the paper, 10 points will be deducted from the total points. Late papers accepted but 10 points deducted from total points earned per each day late.

Final (50 points) **

- The final will be 50 points total and consist of 40 multiple choice questions (from the book) and an essay (from lecture). You must contact me before finals week begins if you cannot take the final at the specified time. However, if you do not contact me before the final exam, you may not take the make-up and earn 0 points.

Cheating/plagiarism will not be tolerated and the appropriate action will be taken according to FIU policies.
Students with Special Needs, please contact me the first week of class to make special arrangements.

**Please note, course policies & schedule are subject to change as needed*

***Midterm/final exam dates may only be adjusted in individual cases should an emergency arise. Written documentation (medical or otherwise) must be provided to me in the event of an emergency, as soon as possible. No incompletes will be granted for this course and it is the responsibility of the student to meet course requirements.*

Course Schedule*

CLASS #	DAY	DATE	TOPIC	READINGS/ASSIGNMENTS
1	Monday	JAN 5	Introduction	Email instructor your email
2	Wednesday	JAN 7	What is development in adulthood?	CH 1
3	Monday	JAN 12	Personality I	CH 2
4	Wednesday	JAN 14	Personality II	
	Monday	JAN 19	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	FIU CLOSED/ NO CLASS
5	Wednesday	JAN 21	Cognition I	CH 4
6	Monday	JAN 26	Cognition II	
7	Wednesday	JAN 28	Mental Health Coping I	CH 11
8	Monday	FEB 2	Mental Health Coping II	PAPER I DUE
9	Wednesday	FEB 4	Health & Prevention I	CH 10
10	Monday	FEB 9	Health & Prevention II	
11	Wednesday	FEB 11	Midterm Review	
12	Monday	FEB 16	MIDTERM EXAM	MIDTERM EXAM
13	Wednesday	FEB 18	Work I	CH 8
14	Monday	FEB 23	Work II	
15	Wednesday	FEB 25	Work III	
16	Monday	MAR 1	The Internet & Aging	
17	Wednesday	MAR 3	The Changing Nature of Sexuality	
18	Monday	MAR 8	Death & Dying I	CH 12
19	Wednesday	MAR 10	Death & Dying II	
	Monday	MAR 15	BOOK REVIEW MEETING	NO CLASS/MEET ON OWN
	Wednesday	MAR 17	BOOK REVIEW MEETING	NO CLASS/MEET ON OWN
	Monday	MAR 22	SPRING BREAK	NO CLASS
	Wednesday	MAR 24	SPRING BREAK	NO CLASS
20	Monday	MAR 29	Book Review Feedback	PAPER II DUE
21	Wednesday	MAR 31	TBD	TBD
22	Monday	APR 5	Social Development	CH 6
23	Wednesday	APR 7	Family I	CH 7
24	Monday	APR 12	Family II	
25	Wednesday	APR 14	Course Wrap-up	LAST CLASS
		APR 19-24	EXAM WEEK/ FINAL EXAM	DAY/TIME TBD

Reminder: Feb 28th, last day to drop with a DR - instructors *cannot* drop students from the roster

Course Grading Scale based on 250 points*

<i>A</i>	<u>%</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<i>B+</i>	<u>%</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<i>D+</i>	<u>%</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
	93-100	232 – 250		87-89	216 – 224		67-69	167 – 174
<i>A-</i>	90-92	225 – 231	<i>B</i>	83-86	207 – 215	<i>D</i>	63-66	157 – 166
			<i>B-</i>	80-82	200 – 206	<i>D-</i>	60-62	149 – 156
			<i>C+</i>	77-79	191 – 199	<i>F</i>	0-59	148 & ↓
			<i>C</i>	73-76	182 – 190			
			<i>C-</i>	70-72	175 - 181			