

PSYC 3500: DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (HONOURS SEMINAR)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTORS STATEMENT

This course prepares students to conduct advanced research in *Developmental Psychology*. Students will work on general research skills throughout the course, including critical thinking, scientific writing, literature searching, and learning about developmental research methods. This course has a substantial workload, including weekly readings and discussions, lab and in-class exercises, oral presentations, and written work. Students will be expected to read journal articles and prepare research manuscripts in APA-style. Students will learn about the sections of a research paper and gain experience developing research questions and hypotheses; evaluating measures; preparing an ethics proposal; collecting and coding data; conducting statistical analyses; and interpreting/discussing research results. The course culminates in the preparation of an original research project.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Students will be evaluated based on a combination of oral and written assignments, which will include thought papers, in-class oral presentations, and research essays. Students will also be evaluated for their class attendance and participation.

TEXT

There is not a specific textbook for this course. The weekly readings will include empirical journal articles, essays, and chapters from edited books. These readings can be accessed via the course website.