

# Welcome to Psychology 30!

**Course Goals:**

The Psychology 30 course will provide you with the opportunity to study human development across the time spans of human life. We will examine human growth and changes in behaviour associated with age, including the various stages of development from conception to old age, and apply this knowledge to investigate issues in our everyday lives.

**Units of Study:**

Unit	Big Questions
Unit One: Introduction to Developmental Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Who are developmental psychologists and what do they do?</i></li> <li>• <i>What perspectives exist within the field of psychology?</i></li> <li>• <i>What methods and approaches are used in psychology?</i></li> <li>• <i>How do we make sense of our behaviour?</i></li> <li>• <i>What issues are involved in psychology research?</i></li> </ul>
Unit Two: Prenatal Development (Conception to Term)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What is the developmental process during the prenatal stage?</i></li> <li>• <i>What physical (biological) changes occur during the prenatal stage?</i></li> <li>• <i>What cognitive development occurs during the prenatal stage?</i></li> <li>• <i>What social development occurs during the prenatal stage?</i></li> <li>• <i>What are the issues that arise during the prenatal stage, centred on nature versus nurture?</i></li> </ul>
Unit Three: Infant Development (Birth to Two Years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What is the developmental process during infancy?</i></li> <li>• <i>What physical (biological) changes occur during infancy?</i></li> <li>• <i>What cognitive development occurs during infancy?</i></li> <li>• <i>What social development occurs during infancy?</i></li> <li>• <i>What are the issues that arise during infancy, centred on nature versus nurture?</i></li> </ul>
Unit Four: Early Childhood Development (Two to Five Years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What is the developmental process during early childhood?</i></li> <li>• <i>What physical (biological) changes occur during early childhood?</i></li> <li>• <i>What cognitive development occurs during early childhood?</i></li> <li>• <i>What social development occurs during early childhood?</i></li> <li>• <i>What are the issues that arise during early childhood, centred on nature versus nurture?</i></li> </ul>

**Assessment:**

Summative Assessments (40%) -quizzes, journal entry, viewing guides, reading & response, etc.  
 Unit Exams and Projects (40%)  
 Culminating Project (20%)

**Tips for success in Psychology 30**

- Complete each assignment and submit it.... on time.
- Come to class prepared to listen, discuss, participate and learn.
- When you miss a day check the online classroom and be prepared to complete any assignments the next day.
- iPods and other music devices can be used during independent work time with teacher permission.

