



# PS276 Developmental Psychology

2025 - FALL - LATE FALL

## COURSE INFORMATION

### Instructor Details

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Course Location: Online

Credit Hour(s): 3.00

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### Required Text

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**All content is digitally embedded within the course! No textbook required!**

Embedded Digital Course Content

For this course, we use embedded digital course content so no physical or external textbook is required!

All content is embedded in each module's Study Plan which replaces the need for a textbook!

The digital textbook can be found at the following link:

[Developmental Psychology Digital Text](#)

## Colby Community College Mission

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**Challenge** students to adapt to a diverse society. **Create** opportunities for student growth. **Connect** student learning with professional experiences.

## Course Description

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This course introduces you to human development through the lifespan from conception to death. Each stage of development is discussed in the context of socioemotional, cognitive, intellectual, linguistic, and physical development. You will also discuss major theories, debates, and theorists.

## COURSE OUTCOMES AND MEASURES

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- Distinguish among developmental theories
- Distinguish research methods in development
- Describe social and emotional development throughout the lifespan
- Explain cognitive development throughout the lifespan
- Examine the processes of physical development throughout the lifespan
- Describe the processes of death and dying

## COURSE POLICIES

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### Assignments and Quizzes

When you first view your class, look over class requirements, assignments, and other class content to ensure that you wish to remain in the class. If you decide to drop the class, do NOT post in Canvas at

all, as that counts as attendance per College policy, and you will be charged a portion of tuition for dropping after attending/posting.

The student is expected to have assignments done when the instructor determines they are due as indicated on the Course Schedule and set due dates. The instructor determines acceptance of late assignments. There are no written examinations in this class. Submitting timely work and participating determine the final grade.

### **Quiz Policy**

There will be a quiz given over each Module covered. Quiz questions and material will consist of information obtained from both the study materials (which includes videos and articles) and information in the study plan. All quizzes must be completed by the deadline.

- If you have a technology issue you need to email me ASAP and let me know. Technology issues are not an excuse for missing a quiz or submitting the quiz late.

### **Course Information**

- Course resources and assignments can be found in our course on Canvas.
- Each module has a study plan with self check questions and a Module quiz that will be completed.
- Each module also contains assignments and discussion to complete.

## **COLBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE POLICIES**

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### **Attendance**

Colby Community College views class attendance as a mandatory activity. However, if students must be absent, the students should make arrangements in advance with the instructors. Students absent as official college representatives (athletics, activities, or scholarship fulfillment) are not counted

absent but **MUST** make advance arrangements with instructors to complete all course work. Punitive grades cannot and will not be assigned if the absence is excused by the college. It is always the student's responsibility to notify instructors of any absence due to illness or any other reason.

## Communication

Course communication will occur through Canvas Announcements, Canvas Inbox, and CCC student email accounts. Response to emails will occur within 24 hours during the week and 48 hours on the weekend.

## Netiquette

This is a professional educational environment, and your emails should reflect that. Consequently, you should remember to type your first and last name at the close of every email so I know who I am replying to.

When posting on the Discussion Board in your online class, you should:

- Make posts that are on topic and within the scope of the course material
- Take your posts seriously and review and edit your posts before sending
- Be as brief as possible while still making a thorough comment
- Always give proper credit when referencing or quoting another source
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- Always be respectful of others' opinions even when they differ from your own
- When you disagree with someone, you should express your differing opinion in a respectful non-critical way
- Do not make personal or insulting remarks
- Be open-minded

## Tech Support Information

- Canvas Support Hotline: 855-691-5024

You can access Canvas Support Information by selecting the help button on the left-hand menu.

- Colby Community College Support: [support@colbycc.edu](mailto:support@colbycc.edu)

## Finals

In accordance with Colby Community College policy, students are required to be present for their final exam and/or complete any assessment during the time stated. **If you have a conflict with this time, you must obtain written permission two weeks prior from the Vice President of Academic Affairs and the instructor to schedule a make-up exam.** Please note that vacations, previously purchased tickets or reservations, graduations, social events, misreading the final exam schedule, and oversleeping are not viable reasons for rescheduling a final. International students should refer to the international student handbook for further guidance.

## Syllabus Information Disclaimer

I reserve the right to change any information contained in this document, when necessary, with adequate notice given to the student. Notice shall be given in the classroom during class. No other notice is required. It is the students' responsibility to stay current with any changes, modifications, adjustments or amendments that are made to this document. Students should adhere to the attendance, cell phone, assignment, test and grading policies in the course syllabus.

## Academic Integrity

CCC defines academic integrity as learning that leads to the development of knowledge and skills without any form of cheating or plagiarism. This learning requires respect for the College's institutional values of quality, service, and integrity. All students, faculty, staff, and administrators are responsible for upholding academic integrity. The following procedure for the Academic Integrity Policy begins with the notification of the first infraction and continues throughout the student's academic tenure at CCC:

Violations can be categorized as Course-level or Capital. Course-level violations are committed to obtain an unfair advantage in the completion of coursework. Capital violations are either repeated basic violations and/or committed in conjunction with multiple violations of integrity.

### Course-Level Violations

Cheating and Plagiarism are considered course-level basic violations.

- Cheating is giving, receiving, or using unauthorized help on individual and group academic exercises such as papers, quizzes, tests, and presentations through any delivery system in any learning environment. This includes impersonating another student, sharing content without

authorization, fabricating data, and altering academic documents, including records, with or without using personal and College electronic devices.

- Plagiarism is representing or turning in someone else's work without properly citing the source. This includes unacknowledged paraphrase, quotation, or complete use of someone else's work in any form. It also includes citing work that is not used and taking credit for a group project without contributing to it.

#### Related Academic Sanctions (Course-Level Violation)

Individual faculty members may elect to address episodes of basic academic integrity violations on a case-by-case basis. Specific sanctions, including not limited to the following, may be applied and can be assigned in any combination or order:

- Verbal Warning/No grade-related action
- Assignment of educational activity or programming
- 0/F on the assignment/quiz/examination with the possibility of makeup
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- Reduction of final course grade
- F in the course
- Prohibition from future enrollment in classes taught by that instructor
- Recommendation for administrative academic sanction(s)

Faculty members will complete the Student Notification of Academic Integrity Infraction form and will submit it to the Vice President of Academic Affairs. The notification will be shared with the student and documented on the student's record in the student information system.

#### Capital Violations

Capital Violations of Academic Integrity are repeated acts of Course-level violations. While a faculty member has the authority to appropriately administer course-level sanctions within their course, the student may also be subject to additional disciplinary action by the College.

#### Related Academic Sanctions (Capital Violations)

While the College reserves the right to accelerate or alter these steps based on the nature and severity of the violation, academic integrity violations may result in the following Capital sanctions:

- First Reported Violation – Warning

The first reported, alleged violation may result in issuing a warning to the student in the form of a Warning Letter, regardless of the course-level sanction determined by the faculty member.

- Second Reported Violation – Restrictive Actions

The second reported, alleged violation may result in issuing a Letter of Concern to the student, regardless of the course-level sanction determined by the faculty member. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Course specific enrollment prohibition;
- Probationary Status;
- Attend an Academic Integrity Workshop (the student will be responsible for any fee associated with the workshop);
- Suspension (of one semester or more);
- Any other reasonable actions as deemed appropriate by academic administration.
- Third Reported Violation – Dismissal

The third reported, alleged violation may result in issuing a Letter of Suspension to the student, regardless of the course-level sanction determined by the faculty member. The student may be required to meet with the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

For Capital Violations of academic integrity, students are entitled to (1) written notice of the charges which may result in academic sanctions and (2) an opportunity to respond to appeal the sanction according to the following procedure:

#### Student Grievance Procedure

It is the policy of Colby Community College to provide students protection against unwarranted infringement of their rights. A student grievance may concern an alleged violation of college policies, infringement of a student's rights, and other such problems dealing with students, college staff and faculty, and authorized college activities. To comply with federal regulations, Colby Community College maintains records of the formal written Student Complaint Log and the disposition of the complaints. These records are filed with the Vice President of Academic Affairs and the Vice President of Student Affairs.

- Level I - The student will attempt to rectify the grievance with the Vice President of Academic Affairs within ten (10) college working days. Every effort will be made to resolve the grievance at the lowest possible level.
- Level II - If the aggrieved student is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level I, or if no decision has been rendered within five (5) business days after the discussion of the grievance, the student may file the grievance in writing to the college president. Within five (5) business days after the receipt of the written grievance by the college president, the president will appoint a committee (one administrator and four faculty/staff members) which may adjust

the sanction. The chair of the committee shall submit the committee's decision to the student within ten (10) business days.

## Assessment

Colby Community College assesses student learning at several levels: general education, program, and course. The goal of these assessment activities is to improve student learning. As a student in this course, you will participate in various assessment activities. An example of your work, a paper, some test questions, a presentation, or other work may be selected for assessment. This process will not affect your grade, will not require you do additional work and your evaluation will be confidentially handled. Results of these activities will be used to improve teaching and learning at Colby Community College.

## Tutoring

Free tutoring is available to all students at Colby Community College. The Comprehensive Learning Center (CLC), located in the Library, provides support services for all learners, on-campus and online. To schedule an appointment, visit <https://hfdavismemoriamlibrary.setmore.com/>, email [tutor@colbycc.edu](mailto:tutor@colbycc.edu) or call 785-460-5480.

Tutoring is available in Student Support Services to eligible SSS participants. Please contact Student Support Services for qualifying program criteria at 785-460-5510, or by stopping by Student Support Services, located in the Student Union.

Online tutoring from Tutor.com is available to all students attending Colby Community College. Tutor.com is accessible to every student on Canvas. To access the service, click on the link for Tutor.com 24/7 Online Tutoring, which is located on the left-hand navigation in each course. Please contact the Dean of Online Learning at [dana.juenemann@colbycc.edu](mailto:dana.juenemann@colbycc.edu) or the library at [tutor@colbycc.edu](mailto:tutor@colbycc.edu) if you need assistance.

## Copyright Disclaimer

Some of the videos, images, links, and written content in this class may include material found using commonly available search engines and attributable authorship not readily apparent. The works on this course have been created for non-profit, educational use. We reasonably believe the contents are within the fair use protection of existing copyright laws. If any copyright owner objects to the use of any work appearing in this site, please contact the instructor and we will remove the work and review the propriety of its continued use.

## Accommodations for Students w/ Disabilities

According to the Americans Disabilities Act, it is the responsibility of each student with a disability to notify the college of his/her disability and to request accommodation. If a member of the class has a documented learning disability or a physical disability and is requesting special accommodations, he/she should contact disability services at [disability@colbycc.edu](mailto:disability@colbycc.edu).

## Notice of Non-Discrimination

Colby Community College provides equality of opportunity to its applicants for admission, enrolled students, graduates, and employees. The College does not discriminate with respect to hiring, continuation of employment, promotion, tenure, other employment practices, application for admission or career services and placement on the basis of race, color, gender, age, disability, national origin or ancestry, sexual orientation or religion. For inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies, contact the Vice President of Student Affairs, Title IX and ADA Coordinator, Colby Community College, 1255 S. Range Ave., Colby, KS 67701 (785) 460-5490).

## Accreditation

Higher Learning Commission  
230 S. LaSalle St., Suite 7-500  
Chicago, IL 60604-1411  
(800) 621-7440  
FAX (312) 263-4162  
<https://www.hlcommission.org/>

## METHOD OF EVALUATION

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**Your grade will be based on the following:**

<b>Items</b>	<b>Points / Percentage</b>
Module Study Plans (with self-check questions)	
Module Quizzes	
Module Assignments	
Module Discussions	
Course Final - Interview Project	

# Grade Scale

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**Your grade will be based on the following:**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
A	90 - 100
B	80 - 89
C	70 - 79
D	60 - 69
F	0 - 59

## Email and Discussions

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### **Emails**

This is a professional educational environment, and your emails should reflect that. Consequently, you should remember to type your first and last name at the close of every email so I know who I am replying to.

Items related to emails that you need to know:

- Your instructor will answer e-mails received within 48 hours. You need to read your e-mail frequently to assure that you receive course information disseminated by e-mail in a timely fashion.
- You should especially be checking the announcements area for everything pertaining to class.
- NOTE: your email will go to your Trojan Web account. If you want to have those forwarded to the email account of your choice, please do that in the CCC ePortal.

### **Online Discussions**

- Discussion forums will have an associated deadline by which time all students must have posted their responses to receive credit for participation.
- Within 72 hours of a discussion's end, the instructor will review all students' responses and post a response as a course announcement and at the end of the discussion.
- Students will be graded on discussion postings.

- Points are earned based on the quality of responses and compliance with the required number of postings as specified in individual assignment instructions.
- Individual discussion assignment instructions will indicate the number of points that can be earned on that particular discussion assignment.
- The points earned by each student on a given discussion will be posted to the online grade book no later than one week after the discussion ends.
- All students have a right to express their own opinions in discussions, and every other student must respect this right. Any student posting a comment disrespectful of this right will be asked to leave the discussion, and a grade of 0 points will be recorded.
- "Flaming" is posting abusive or insulting messages. Any student who engages in "flaming" in a discussion will be required to leave the class. A grade of F for the course will be reported.
- Controlling behavior includes, but is not limited to, attempts to dominate a discussion by posting threads excessively, intentionally changing the discussion topic, or exhibiting an inappropriate or argumentative attitude. Controlling behavior is not permitted. Violators will be asked to leave the discussion, and a grade of 0 points will be recorded.
- Students required to leave a discussion will be notified of this consequence in a private e-mail.

**When posting on the Discussion Board in your online class, you should:**

- Make posts that are on-topic and within the scope of the course material.
- Take your posts seriously and review and edit your posts before sending them.
- Be as brief as possible while still making a thorough comment.
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- Be open-minded.

## Assignments and Tests

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### Quizzes

All of the quizzes will be given online. Quiz questions and the material will consist of information obtained from the course materials which includes videos and reading assignments. If for any reason you are unable to take a quiz, you must NOTIFY the instructor BEFORE the quiz due date in order to be able to make it up. Depending on the reason for a missed quiz, the instructor will determine if it can be made up.

- When technical problems occur and you cannot submit your assignment electronically, send an email to me to explain the difficulty including a screen shot of the error message or issue. If you cannot use e-mail, text your instructor to explain the difficulty. If you call and reach your instructor's voice mail, leave a message explaining the difficulty and a phone contact where you can be reached.
- All assignments must be uploaded and submitted in Canvas within the course. Assignments can not be submitted through email.
- **LATE ASSIGNMENTS:** All assignments (this does not include quizzes) not submitted by the due date will be considered late. I will accept late work up to 5 days late. However, late points will be deducted for each day late! Students are responsible for keeping a copy of all graded assignments. Absent a copy of the grade in the work in question, no grade change or credit for a missing assignment is possible.
- Quizzes are not accepted late. You must contact the instructor if you have a situation that will keep you from completing the quiz on time! There is a designated make-up quiz week at the end of the semester for students to make up 1 quiz that was excused.
- If you have computer problems, it is your responsibility to get to a computer to complete your assignments.
- Excused Quiz Makeup Information: See the Course Schedule for the dates for the Make Up Quiz period. This will be towards the end of the semester. Only 1 excused quiz can be made up!