

**METHODS IN DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY****Department of Psychology and Neuroscience****Faculty of Science Course Syllabus****PSYO 3091.03 Fall 2023**

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*We are all Treaty people.*

*Dalhousie University also acknowledges the histories, contributions, and legacies of African Nova Scotians, who have been here for over 400 years.*

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**Course Description**

This course provides a survey of research methods in *Developmental Psychology*. It assumes knowledge of basic methodology and design and concentrates on methods of relevance to the study of human development. In addition to lectures, students conduct several research exercises to gain experience in conducting research with children.

**Course Prerequisites**

PSYO 2000.03 or NESC 2007.03, PSYO 2501.03, and PSYO 2090.03

**Student Resources and Support****Advising**

**General Advising** [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/academic-support/advising.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/advising.html)

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### Academic Supports

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Student Advocacy: <https://dsu.ca/dsas>

Ombudsperson: [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/safety-respect/student-rights-and-responsibilities/where-to-get-help/ombudsperson.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/safety-respect/student-rights-and-responsibilities/where-to-get-help/ombudsperson.html)

### Safety

Biosafety: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/biosafety.html>

Chemical Safety: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/chemical-safety.html>

Radiation Safety: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/radiation-safety.html>

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## Course Structure

The course is a lab course with both lectures and labs that will be delivered in person.

**Lectures & Labs:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 2:35 pm to 3:55 pm in MCCAIN ARTS&SS 1198

Note attendance for Lab 4, both tests and both talk sessions is mandatory and attendance will be taken.

## Course Materials

Online platforms to be used include: **Brightspace**

- Students will need access to a computer with internet access to **Brightspace** and other websites.

PDFs of Lecture Slides as well as video links of examples and required readings (library links or articles themselves) will be made available on Tuesdays on **Brightspace**

- Students will need to log into Dalhousie Libraries to access library links for the required readings
- In class, we will watch video examples of research methods typically available from Youtube or other video sharing sites. Links to these will also be available on **Brightspace**

### Course Assessments

Assessment Components	Weight (% of Final Grade)	Due Dates
<b>Tests</b>		
<b>Two</b> In-Class Tests (24% each)	<b>48%</b>	Oct. 17 and Nov. 30
<b>Assignments</b> (to be submitted in "Assignments" or available in "Quizzes" on <b>Brightspace</b> )		
<b>Syllabus Quiz</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>Sep 7 by 11:59 pm Halifax Time</b>
<b>Seven</b> Labs (3% each)	<b>21%</b>	Sep 21; Sep 28; Oct 10 (2 labs); Nov 2; Nov 23; Dec 7
Research Paper	<b>20%</b>	Oct 05 by 11:59 pm Halifax Time
4-minute "TED" Talk	<b>10%</b>	Nov 07 or Nov 09 in class
<b>Experimental Participation</b>	<b>2 bonus</b> marks	
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b> marks (maximum 100%)	

Conversion of numerical grades to Final Letter Grades follows the Dalhousie Grade Scale

A+ (90-100)	B+ (77-79)	C+ (65-69)	D (50-54)
A (85-89)	B (73-76)	C (60-64)	F (<50)
A- (80-84)	B- (70-72)	C- (55-59)	

### Course Policies

#### Course Announcements

All students are responsible for **all** announcements made in class *even in their absence*. It is students' responsibility to get information **from classmates** (not from me) on any potential announcements made in class in their absence. **Students are also responsible for knowing the information presented in this course syllabus.**

**To complete the course satisfactorily, students must fulfill all the requirements as set down in the course outline.**

#### Cancelled Tests/Labs

Any test that is cancelled because a Dalhousie closure will be held on the **following Thursday** 2:35 to 3:55 pm Halifax Time. Students who are not available to do Test 2 on Dec. 7 will be offered an alternative make-up test. Any lab that is cancelled because Dalhousie is closed will be held the following class when possible. If not, the lab will be recorded and provided to students on Brightspace.

#### Test Information

The material covered in each test *will not be cumulative*, but for the second test, some major concepts from the first half of the course (e.g., developmental designs) may still be relevant. Tests will include multiple-choice, short-answer, and essay-type questions.

## Labs, Research Paper and Talk Information

Attendance at Lab 4, both tests and both talk sessions is **mandatory** and attendance will be taken.

All labs and research papers are due **before midnight (Halifax Time)** on the day they are due and must be submitted on **Brightspace** (except for Labs 3 and 4).

**Late lab** assignments (except for Labs 3 and 4) without an approved SDA form will be deducted **1 mark** out of 3 per day late (including weekend days). **Lab 3 cannot be handed in late (it is due by 2:30 pm on, Tuesday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>).** **Lab 4 requires in-class attendance and will be marked based solely on participation during the lab itself (Tuesday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>).** Not completing Labs 3 and 4 on time without an approved SDA form will result in all marks lost.

**Late research papers** without an approved SDA will be deducted **1 mark** out of 20 per day late (including weekend days).

Students will **lose 7 marks** if they miss their **talk session** without an approved SDA form. They will have to do it during the following class. Arriving late or leaving early during that talk session will result in loss of **3 marks**.

Students will **lose 3 marks** from their own talk mark if they miss the **other talk session** without an approved SDA form. Arriving late or leaving early during that talk session will also result in the loss of these marks.

## Requests for Regrades

Any item that students would like to be regraded must be submitted **within one week of receiving the grade** in question and the feedback. In addition, students must provide a rationale for the request (e.g., calculation was wrong, part of response ungraded or missed). Students must recognize that marks can go down after a regrade, as the whole item will be regraded, not just the part identified.

## Course Time Commitment Expectations

In a typical week, students will be expected to allocate approximately *1.5 hours* for reading course readings, *3 hours* for attending lecture and labs and *2 hours* for completing lab assignments. There will also be a research paper and a 4-minute TED-Like talk to complete along with studying for tests. There will not be labs due weeks that papers are due, or talks and tests are held. Thus, students should expect to spend about 8-9 hours every week on this course. I highly recommend that students do some work on their paper every week until it is due to distribute their workload.

## Professor and Teaching Assistant Availability

Due to the amount of time required to answer questions via email, I will respond to email inquiries as soon as possible during workdays/hours (Monday-Friday 9 am-5 pm). I *do not* respond to emails regarding information already available in the course syllabus, so please look here first. **All course-related emails should be directed to me, not the TA.** Please **do not drop by my office outside of my office hours** without an appointment. Feel free to drop by anything during my office hours, though.

### Experimental Participation for Credit Points

Students can earn up to 2 bonus marks to their final course grade by taking part in experiments. 1 credit point will be awarded for each experimentation hour up to a maximum of 2 points.

Students have until the last day of classes to assign credit points to Psyo3091 and can sign up for experiments at [https://www.dal.ca/faculty/science/psychology\\_neuroscience/research/credit-point-information/setting-up-a-sona-account.html](https://www.dal.ca/faculty/science/psychology_neuroscience/research/credit-point-information/setting-up-a-sona-account.html)

### Course Policies related to Academic Integrity

Students should complete labs, talks and research papers on their own. **Students cannot work together on any course component, nor can they use generative AI and large language models (e.g., ChatGPT) to prepare any component of this course.**

Labs and research papers will be checked for integrity using plagiarism-detecting software licensed to Dalhousie.

### Course Policies on Missed or Late Academic Requirements

#### Student Accessibility Plan

Any student who has an existing Student Accessibility Plan must ensure that their advisor in the Student Accessibility Centre forwards the plan to me. Make-up and/or prorating options for missed or late work will be developed on a case-by-case basis depending on the course component(s) missed and the student's specific accessibility plan.

#### Long-term versus short-term illnesses or other valid personal issue

**Long-term** personal, mental or physical health issues may require students to miss more than 3 days of school. If this occurs, then students will need to *contact me asap so that we can develop a plan*. Students will be directed to the Student Accessibility Center, and/or Patricia Laws, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs for mental or physical health issues that require extended accommodations. Make-up and/or prorating options for missed or late work will be developed on a case-by-case basis depending on the course component(s) missed and the nature and extend of students' difficulties. Documentation from a professional may be required in the case of long-term issues.

**Short-term** medical or personal issues are ones that require students to miss 3 or fewer school days because of **debilitating distress or illness**.

- No documentation from professionals is required.
- Students must contact me **before or on the same day** as the component that is missed.
- Students are required to **submit** the SDA **via my email** within **one (1) week** from the date of absence.
- **Only one STUDENT DECLARATION OF ABSENCE (SDA) form for a short-term issue will be allowed for this course over the entire term.**
- Any subsequent missed or late component will be marked as zero or penalized accordingly (i.e., students will not be allowed to "pick and choose" which component is to be marked as zero).

Different missed components for an approved SDA for a short-term issue will be handled as follows:

#### Missed Test

- If a student misses a **test** and submits an approved SDA form, **they will need to write a make-up test**, which may have a different format from the regular test and will be held shortly after the original test date.

#### Missed Research Paper

- If a student cannot complete the research paper or a lab (except for Lab 3 and 4) and submits an approved SDA form, **they will be allowed 3 extra days** (including weekend days) **to submit it** without penalty.

#### Missed TED-Like Talk

- If a student missed their talk and submits an approved SDA form, **they will have to present it during the next Tuesday class.**

#### Missed Lab

- If a student misses Lab 4 or cannot complete Lab 3 by class time, and submits an approved SDA form, **their final lab mark will be prorated without the missed lab.** As an example, I would use the other 6 labs and prorate the student's grade out of 21 (i.e.,  $21 * \text{Grade}/18$ ). *There will be **no** make-up Lab 3 or 4.*

**NOTE:** Only **one SDA form for a short-term medical- or personal-related absence will be allowed for this course** over the entire term and it will be allocated to missed components on a *chronological* basis. Any additional missed or late components that occur after the approved short-term absence has been allocated will be marked zero or penalized as per the course syllabus.

- Students must contact me before or on the day they will miss a component and **submit the SDA form via my email** within **one (1) week** from the due date of the missed component.

### Course Learning Objectives and Outcomes

The purpose of the course is to familiarize students with issues related to conducting developmental research, including design, measurement, and ethical considerations. The course also is designed to provide an overview of existing research techniques that developmental researchers have specifically devised to study various aspects of development in infants, preschoolers, and young children. By the end of the course, students should be able to:

- identify scientific questions that are developmental in nature
- describe methodological strengths and weaknesses specific to developmental research
- articulate basic ethical principles and explain how challenges regarding each principle arise in developmental research
- conduct different aspects of research with children (including observing, coding, scoring, and analyzing data)
- identify basic methodologies used at different ages to assess cognitive, perceptual, socio-emotional, and language development
- explain how and why studying developmental psychopathologies provides a means of understanding development more generally
- write and present about the pros and cons of developmental research on controversial issues
- criticize media reports of developmental research

## Course Content

### Class Schedule

Each **Test** will be worth 24%. The **Paper** is worth 20% and the **Talks** are worth 10%. Each **Lab** will be worth 3% and all 7 labs will count. The **Syllabus Quiz** is worth 1%.

Each **Lab** assignment will be explained live in class on most **Tuesdays 2:35 to 3:55 pm Halifax Time** and most will be due 9 days later (on a Thursday night), before midnight (Labs 3 and 6 will be due later). Lab 3 is due before class on Oct. 10 and Lab 4 will be marked during the lab itself on Oct. 10, so attendance is mandatory. Lab notes will be available on **Brightspace**.

Attendance is also mandatory during both talk sessions and both tests.

Week	Tuesday In Class Activities 2:35-3:55 pm	Thursday In Class Activities 2:35-3:55 pm	Components Due
Sep 05 & 07	Syllabus, Paper & Talk Info	<b>Lecture 1</b> Development Designs & Measures	<b>Syllabus Quiz</b> 1% (Thursday before midnight)
Sep 12 & 14	<b>Lab 1</b> Research Questions & Measurement	<b>Lecture 2</b> Measurement Issues	
Sep 19 & 21	<b>Lab 2</b> Ethics	<b>Lecture 3</b> Cognitive Development	<b>Lab 1</b> 3% (Thursday before midnight)
Sep 26 & 28	<b>Lab 3</b> Scoresheet	<b>Lecture 4</b> Cognitive Development	<b>Lab 2</b> 3% (Thursday before midnight)
Oct 03 & 05	<b>Lecture 5</b> Cognitive Development	<b>Lecture 5 Continued</b> Catch Up	<b>**Paper Due**</b> 20% (Thursday before midnight)
Oct 10 & 12	<b>Lab 4</b> Task Administration (In Class)	<b>Lecture 6</b> Language Development	<b>Lab 3</b> 3% (Tuesday before class) <b>Lab 4</b> 3% (in Class)
Oct 17 & 19	<b>Test 1 (Lectures 1-5)</b> (In Class)	<b>Lecture 7</b> Language Development	<b>**Test 1**</b> 24% (in Class)
Oct 24 & 26	<b>Lab 5</b> Analyses	<b>Lecture 8</b> Socioemotional Development	
Oct 31 & Nov 02	<b>Lab 6</b> Coding	<b>Lecture 9</b> Socioemotional Development	<b>Lab 5</b> 3% (Thursday before midnight)
Nov 07 & 09	<b>Student TED Talks Session 1</b> (In Class)	<b>Student TED Talks Session 2</b> (In Class)	<b>**Talks**</b> 10% (In Class)
Nov 14 & 16	<i>Study Week</i>		
Nov 21 & 23	<b>Lecture 10</b> Socioemotional Development	<b>Lecture 11</b> Atypical Development	<b>Lab 6</b> 3% (Thursday before midnight)
Nov 28 & 30	<b>Lab 7</b> Media	<b>Test 2 (Lectures 6-11)</b> (In Class)	<b>**Test 2**</b> 24% (in Class)
Dec 05 & 07	<i>Term ended</i>	<i>Term ended (Alternative date if Test 2 is cancelled the previous week)</i>	<b>Lab 7</b> 3% (Thursday Dec. 7 before midnight)

## List of Required Readings

Some readings are available on **Brightspace**, while others can be obtained using links provided on **Brightspace** or reference information below (*ensure that you are logged into the Dalhousie Libraries when attempting to access links off campus*).

### Module 1 Developmental Designs & Measurement

- Robinson, K., Schmidt, T., & Teti, D. M. (2005). Issues in the use of longitudinal and cross-sectional designs. *Handbook of research methods in developmental science* (pp. 3-20). Malden, MA: Blackwell. PDF on **Brightspace**

### Module 2 Measurement Issues and Ethics

- Kazdin, A. E., & Benjet, C. (2003). Spanking children: Evidence and issues. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, 12(3), 99-103.

### Module 3 Perceptual & Cognitive Development I

- Fantz, R.L. (1964). Visual experience in infants: Decreased attention to familiar patterns relative to novel ones. *Science*, 146, 668-670.
- Meltzoff, A.N., & Moore, M.K. (1977). Imitation of facial and manual gestures by human neonates. *Science*, 198, 75-79.

### Module 4 Cognitive Development II

- DeLoache, J.S., Miller, K.F., & Rosengren, K.S. (1997). The credible shrinking room: Very young children's performance with symbolic and nonsymbolic relations. *Psychological Science*, 8, 308-313.
- Wellman, H. M. (2017). The development of theory of mind: Historical reflections. *Child Development Perspectives*, 11, 207-214. doi:10.1111/cdep.12236

### Module 5 Cognitive Development III

- Piaget, J. (1953). How children form mathematical concepts. *Scientific American*, 189, 202-206.
- Zelazo, P. D. (2006). The Dimensional Change Card Sort (DCCS): A method of assessing executive function in children. *Nature Protocols*, 1(1), 297-301.

### Module 6 Language Development I

- DeCasper, A.J., & Fifer, W.P. (1980). Of human bonding: Newborns prefer their mothers' voices. *Science*, 208, 1174-1176.
- Saffran, J.R., Aslin, R.N., & Newport, E.L. (1996). Statistical learning by 8-month-old infants. *Science*, 274, 1926-1928.

### Module 7 Language Development II

- Baldwin, D. A. (2000). Interpersonal understanding fuels knowledge acquisition. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, 9, 40-45.
- Bradley, L., & Bryant, P.E. (1983). Categorizing sounds and learning to read: A causal connection. *Nature*, 301, 419-421.

### Module 8 Socioemotional Development I

- Ainsworth, M.S. (1979). Infant-mother attachment. *American Psychologist*, 34, 932-937. <https://doi.org/10.1037/0003-066X.34.10.932> **Brightspace**
- Shiner, R. L., Buss, K. A., McClowry, S. G., Putnam, S. P., Saudino, K. J., & Zentner, M. (2012). What is temperament now? Assessing progress in temperament research on the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Goldsmith et al. *Child Development Perspectives*, 6(4), 436-444. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1750-8606.2012.00254.x>

### Module 9 Socioemotional Development II

- Seavey, C. A., Katz, P. A., & Zalk, S. R. (1975). Baby X: The effect of gender labels on adult responses to infants. *Sex Roles*, 1, 103-109. PDF on **Brightspace**
- Berenbaum, S. A. (2018). Beyond pink and blue: The complexity of early androgen effects on gender development. *Child Development Perspectives*, 12(1), 58-64. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cdep.12261>

### Module 10 Socioemotional Development III

- Mischel, W., Shoda, Y., & Rodriguez, M.I. (1989). Delay of gratification in children. *Science*, 244, 933-938.
- Smetana, J. G. (2017). Current research on parenting styles, dimensions, and beliefs. *Current Opinion in Psychology*, 15, 19-25. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.copsyc.2017.02.012>

### Module 11 Atypical Development

- Vivanti, G., Hamner, T., & Lee, N. R. (2018). Neurodevelopmental disorders affecting sociability: recent research advances and future directions in autism spectrum disorder and Williams syndrome. *Current Neurology and Neuroscience Reports*, 18(12), 1-9. <https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007/s11910-018-0902-y.pdf>



## University Policies and Statements

### Recognition of Mi'kmaq Territory

Dalhousie University would like to acknowledge that the University is on Traditional Mi'kmaq Territory. The Elders in Residence program provides students with access to First Nations elders for guidance, counsel, and support. Visit or e-mail the Indigenous Student Centre at 1321 Edward St or [elders@dal.ca](mailto:elders@dal.ca). Additional information regarding the Indigenous Student Centre can be found at: [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/communities/indigenous.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/communities/indigenous.html)

### Internationalization

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### Academic Integrity

At Dalhousie University, we are guided in all our work by the values of academic integrity: honesty, trust, fairness, responsibility, and respect. As a student, you are required to demonstrate these values in all the work you do. The University provides policies and procedures that every member of the university community is required to follow to ensure academic integrity. Additional academic integrity information can be found at: [https://www.dal.ca/dept/university\\_secretariat/academic-integrity.html](https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/academic-integrity.html)

### Accessibility

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### Conduct in the Classroom – Culture of Respect

Substantial and constructive dialogue on challenging issues is an important part of academic inquiry and exchange. It requires willingness to listen and tolerance of opposing points of view. Consideration of individual differences and alternative viewpoints is required of all class members, towards each other, towards instructors, and towards guest speakers. While expressions of differing perspectives are welcome and encouraged, the words and language used should remain within acceptable bounds of civility and respect.

### Diversity and Inclusion – Culture of Respect

Every person at Dalhousie has a right to be respected and safe. We believe inclusiveness is fundamental to education. We stand for equality. Dalhousie is strengthened in our diversity. We are a respectful and inclusive community. We are committed to being a place where everyone feels welcome and supported, which is why our Strategic Direction prioritizes fostering a culture of diversity and inclusiveness (Strategic Priority 5.2). Additional diversity and inclusion information can be found at: <http://www.dal.ca/cultureofrespect.html>

### Student Code of Conduct

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**Originality Checking Software**

The course instructor may use Dalhousie's approved originality checking software and Google to check the originality of any work submitted for credit, in accordance with the Student Submission of Assignments and Use of Originality Checking Software Policy. Students are free, without penalty of grade, to choose an alternative method of attesting to the authenticity of their work and must inform the instructor no later than the last day to add/drop classes of their intent to choose an alternate method. Additional information regarding Originality Checking Software can be found at:

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