

Syllabus Adolescent Development

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When/where

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Office location TA: Tillett 527

Office hours and exams

Looking at your exam

(A) *To see your exam -- go to the TA's office hours*

- The TA is in charge of copying and grading the exams.
- The TA will have the physical exams.
- If you wish to see your exam (and this is a **very** good idea) then you must visit the TA during her office hours.
- If you then wish to discuss the exam with me, Emily can send it to me and we can go over it together. **Bring your review question sheets** (the answers you prepared to the review questions) when we discuss the exam, so we can see how your preparation for the exam can be tweaked.

(B) *What to look for in your exam*

- Look at the questions you got wrong.
- Then try to figure out **why you got them wrong!** Did you not know the answer at all? Did you not know which of two answers was correct? Did you read the question too quickly and misunderstand what was being asked? Did you overthink? Were all your mistakes on one topic? What type of questions did you get wrong? Fact questions, concept questions, application questions?
- Once you diagnose what types of mistakes you made, consider how to change your studying so that you don't make this type of mistake again (or fewer of them in any case).

To arrange office hours "by appointment"

- If you can't make my standard office hours we can meet "by appointment". What this means is that we need to coordinate our schedules. The fastest way to do that is to send me the slots

of time that you can reasonably make it to my office (Tillett 229, Livingston campus), and I will look at those and pick some times that also work with my schedule (which varies from week to week).

- Example of timeslots:
Mondays 10-12 and 3-4, Tuesdays 9-12, Wednesdays after 4, Thursdays before 2, Fridays no availability.
- Sending me just one time is almost never going to work, so be comprehensive the first time and save us some email back and forth.

What

The goal of this course is to examine adolescent development. We will look at the basic changes that take place in adolescence (physiological changes, changes in thinking, changes in social interactions), the context within which these changes take place (adolescents in family, peer, school, work and community environments), and the psychosocial areas in which development takes place (identity, intimacy), we will briefly look at psychosocial problems in adolescence. We will also look at how the research is done in this developmental field.

Required Readings

Available at the Livingston bookstore

(1)

Jeffrey Jensen Arnett *Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood*, 5th edition. Pearson.

I realize this book is expensive, as all college textbooks are. I honestly don't care if you rent it, or get a second hand copy, the loose-leaf version, some international edition that officially isn't supposed to be sold in the U.S., or whatever. I do care that you get the book, or to put it differently: PLEASE get the book.

The bookstore has it packaged with the second requirement (virtual teen), and I think that the combination is probably a reasonable deal, but I leave it to your judgment.

There will be a number of copies of the book on reserve in the Kilmer library.

(2)

- You must get the student access number for VIRTUAL TEEN. It is available packaged with the book at the bookstore, but you can buy standalone access. I believe standalone access from the website is cheaper than the bookstore.
- ISBN 0205800823.
- You will be raising a virtual child through the age of 18, and some of the assignments require your answers to some of the questions related to the ones that pop up while you raise your child.

- Raising your child requires 7-10 hours over the course of the semester. The assignments relating to virtual teen will amount to about 10% of your grade.
- The class code for this semester is to be announced.
- Information about virtual teen will be on the Sakai site under the “FAQ” tab
- The assignments will be on SAKAI and need to be turned in on Sakai.

Class Website

- The class has a Sakai website which you should have access to if you are enrolled in the course.
- Make sure you check that you can access our site, and keep an eye on announcements from the site.
- The class slides (which are only an outline of the material covered) will be posted on Sakai. Posting will take place before class, so you can take notes on the printouts, but there may be empty slides with material to be filled in in class.
- Virtual Teen assignments will be posted Sakai under "tests and quizzes". There will be 5 assignments, spread throughout the semester, but the first one will not be due until October 1st.
- Most importantly review questions will be posted on Sakai. They basically spell out what you should know for each exam. If you thoroughly know the answers to the review questions, you will do well in the course.

Tentative Class Schedule

Week	Dates	Topic	Readings	VT assignments
1	Wed, Sep. 3	What is this course? Intro VT	Get the book	
2	Mon, Sept. 8	What is adolescence?	Chapter 1	
	Wed, Sept. 10	Theories & Research		
3	Mon, Sept. 15	Biology of puberty	Chapter 2	
	Wed, Sept. 17	Biological issues		
4	Mon, Sept. 22	Changes in cognition	Chapter 3	
	Thu, Sept. 24	Consequences of cogn. Changes		
5	Mon, Sept. 29	Family relationships	Chapter 7	
	Wed, Oct. 1	Changing families		VT1 due 10/1
6	Mon, Oct. 6	EXAM 1		
	Wed, Oct. 8	Peer groups	Chapter 8	
7	Mon, Oct. 13	Popularity & Rejection		
	Wed, Oct. 15	Structure of education	Chapter 10	VT2 due 10/15
8	Mon, Oct. 20	School climate		
	Wed, Oct. 22	Work	Chapter 11	
9	Mon, Oct. 27	Occupational choice		
	Wed, Oct. 29	Media	Chapter 12	VT 3 due 10/29
10	Mon, Nov 3	Media		

	Wed, Nov. 5	Self-conception & self-esteem	Chapter 6	
11	Mon, Nov. 10	EXAM 2		
	Wed, Nov. 12	Identity		VT4 due 11/12
12	Mon, Nov. 17	Gender	Chapter 5	
	Wed, Nov. 19	Religious moral political		
13	Mon, Nov. 24	development	Chapter 4	
	Wed, Nov. 27	RU calendar change (no class)		
14	Mon, Dec. 1	Development of intimacy	Chapter 9	
	Wed, Dec. 3	Romance/sexuality		VT5 due 12/3
15	Mon, Dec. 8	Internalizing problems	Chapter 13	
	Wed, Dec. 10	Externalizing problems		
	Study			
15	Tue. Dec 16	FINAL EXAM	8:00-9:30 am	

What makes the grade?

(1) Exams

- There will be three non-cumulative exams. Two exams during the semester and a final exam. Material covered in each exam is indicated below. The two exams during the semester will be held in our normal location. The final exam will be held in our normal location, unless you get email/Sakai notification to the contrary. See further down in the syllabus for absence policy.

Exam 1: Material wks. 1-5 30% of grade
Exam 2: Material wks. 6-10 30% of grade
Exam 3: Material wks. 11-15 30% of grade

- Exam characteristics:
 - 50 Multiple choice questions
 - Covers lecture, see review questions

Exam conflicts

- *If* you have a conflict for the final exam, which is defined as follows by SAS:
 - More than two (2) final exams on one calendar day
 - More than two (2) final exams scheduled in consecutive periods (ex: A student has exams scheduled for 4:00-7:00 pm and 8:00-11:00 pm on one day and 8:00-11:00 am on the following day.)
 - Two final exams scheduled for the same exam period.
- *Then* you are allowed to ask for a makeup on the basis of conflict.
- In order to obtain it, you need to go to <http://finalexams.rutgers.edu> and log in (it's at the top of the page). *Print out* your final exam schedule and only then come to me. You should actually be able to do this on the first day that your schedule is finalized. The day before the exam conflict is TOO LATE to come asking for a makeup! When I have looked over your schedule, and told you that you qualify, I will ask you to send me an email saying we talked this over, and I will email you the time and place of the makeup.

(2) Assignments

- The remaining 10% of your grade will be assignments related to Virtual Teen. They will be posted on the schedule on Sakai and listed under Tests and quizzes. They will start in October. I will post Sakai announcements when they go up.
- These assignments are your own work, and may not be completed together with other people.
- Your virtual teen needs to be linked to our class, and I may well peek at how your child progresses. There are no “correct” and “incorrect” ways to raise your child, but I do expect you to think carefully about your decisions, the way you would if you raised a real child. The assignments are supposed to show that you reflected on your decisions.

(3) Extra Credit

- There will be extra credit in the form of clicker questions during class. The total possible extra credit is 5 course points (i.e. half a letter grade).
- For each day there are clicker questions – by no means all classes – you earn a percentage grade.
- At end of semester all percentage grades are averaged and the proportion multiplied by 5.
- Clicker questions start counting with the questions on September 17th. Clicker questions on days before then are to make sure your clicker works, so do bring it.
- The spreadsheets showing responses during a class will be posted within 4 days of the class. It is your responsibility to check if your clicker answers were received by my signal receiver. If it was a poll, it will just say if the clicker responded during class, and not indicate what responses were given.
- THERE IS NO OTHER EXTRA CREDIT

How to do well in the course

- Come to class, and arrive in time.
- Announcements are at the beginning of class, and they are frequently important! Make sure you arrive in time.
- Pay attention in class (i.e. what is getting explained/emphasized)
- **Prepare the answers to the review questions, start early. These questions are your guide to what you should know. So KNOW the answers, be able to explain them to your roommate!**
- Buy/borrow/dig up your old Turning point clicker and use it in class so you get the extra credit.

Grading Scale for letter grades end semester

A	90% or higher
B+	85% - 89%
B	80%- 84%
C+	75% - 79%

C	70% - 74%
D	60% - 69%
F	below 60%

Course Ground Rules

(a) In class

I really only want you in class if you are going to be paying some attention, so be so kind as to turn off your cell phone. If you urgently need to have a conversation, or watch YouTube you are free to do so, but go elsewhere. Other people want to learn the material, even if you are currently not so inclined.

(b) Academic dishonesty

You are required to abide by the Rutgers policy on academic integrity; please familiarize yourself with this policy, you can view it at <http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/integrity.shtml> Read the section on level three violations and the sanctions that follow!

(c) Absences from class

It is your responsibility to arrange to obtain information (other than the downloadable class slides, and those are outlines) if you miss one or more classes. Please do not ask or send email to the professor or teaching assistant. If you can, arrange in advance for someone in the class that you know to take good notes for you. Most of the videos are not available for separate viewing. If there is a web version of the videos, I may post links on the sakai website, but you cannot count on being able to see all video material if you miss class.

(d) Missing an exam

- There will be non-cumulative make-up exams.
- ONLY for those who present a doctor's note or a Dean's note within a week of the missed exam to the instructor can take this without penalty.

You will be allowed to take a make-up exam if, within one week of the exam, you present a doctor's note or letter from your dean's office to the professor.

(a) For illnesses: I need a doctor's note to verify your illness. So if you get sick, *get a doctor's note.*

(b) For car accidents: the dean will most likely ask for a police report to verify that the accident took place.

(c) For personal or family emergencies: the dean will most likely require some verification of the emergency (such as a death certificate or obituary if a relative has died). If it is a personal issue of some other nature, it will be up to the judgment of the dean to determine whether or not you should be excused from the exam (and thus be allowed to take the make-up).

Basically folks: I need some paper documentation from you.

Those who miss the exam because they forgot, overslept, were inebriated, or whatever other reason that is not really an excuse, have to come to talk to me within one week of the exam, and will probably be allowed to take the makeup exam with a penalty: 8% off the top of the exam grade. In the end that is better than a zero for the exam.

Note: Your decision to remain enrolled in the course after the first class session is your implicit agreement to abide by everything stated above.