Course Information

Salt Lake Community College

Adolescent Growth & Dev.

FHS 1230-001

Fall 2025

Course Section Information

Days: Semester Begins on Tuesday August 26th

Time: Online

Campus: Online

Classroom: Online

Course Description

Studies the growth and development of adolescents. Principles and issues that affect adolescents' daily lives in the home, school, and society are discussed.

Semester: Fall & Spring

Textbooks, Readings, and Course Materials

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Publisher: If you cannot find the email from Brytewave in your SLCC email account, contact the SLCC campus bookstore at 801-957-4045.

For more information on textbook accessibility, contact Accessibility & Disability Services at ads@slcc.edu.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

- Connect the concepts of adolescent development in contemporary society from early adolescence through emerging adulthood.

- Explain major theories in the study of adolescent development understand physical, mental, emotional, social, and personal characteristics of this stage of development and how these stages connect with the home, school, social groups, and the community.

- Develop critical literacies through interactive classroom sessions, assigned readings, a series of written assignments, and a research project.

- Participate in formal and informal peer presentations addressing both historical and contemporary issues in adolescent development.

- Gather, interpret, and analyze information gathered from observations and interviews.

- Learn to monitor, assess, and analyze research, gain an understanding of formal and informal methods for evaluating research in both assigned reading, video clips, and researching a defined topic.

- Critically analyze and synthesize contemporary issues in adolescent psychology, examine personal, cultural, and philosophical beliefs and how these beliefs can affect our view of development.

- Engage in reflective thinking and expression through a series of written assignments and make connections between adolescence and all of human development.

- Participate in several field experience observations of adolescents in a variety of settings.

Coursework & Assignment Descriptions

Assignments (30% of your final grade)

Written assignments are an essential component of your learning experience and provide an opportunity for you to critically analyze theory and practice. Each assignment will give you several topics to choose from. Instructions and topics are posted on each chapter's assignment page.

You are not required to do a written essay assignment for each chapter, but one essay of the options for every other chapter. For example, choose one option from Chapters 1 & 2.

 In order to receive full credit, assignments must be submitted on time, be typed using standard 1" margins and 12 pt. Times New Roman font, and written in a professional manner. Each assignment topic must fully address key components of the question or scenario, and the Answer section of your essay must be 500 words in length. Assignments are graded on a ten-point scale. Follow the course calendar for due dates. COMPUTER ISSUES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE REASONS FOR LATE WORK!!

Quizzes (30% of your final grade)

A series of brief multiple-choice, true/false, and essay tests will serve to assess your learning in this course as well as deepen your understanding of adolescent growth and development. All tests are taken online; test dates are listed on the course calendar. Tests are open for a week prior to the due date.

The first four chapter quizzes will be open-book quizzes, so you can get a feel for the software and the class. For the open-book quizzes, you may use your book, your notes, and any other resource except another person. The remaining quizzes will be closed-book quizzes, where you may not use any resource (other than your memory).

Quizzes will require the LockDown Browser software. Instructions for downloading/installing the software are posted on the Technology and Software page in the Getting Started section of Canvas. The software allows you to take quizzes off-campus and uses your device's webcam and microphone to proctor your quizzes, which can then be reviewed by your professor. Like Canvas, the LockDown Browser complies with federal privacy laws to protect your information. IMPORTANT: Please take note of the following:

- Equipment: If you do not have the necessary equipment to use the LockDown Browser, you must notify me within the first week of class to make other arrangements.
- Ebooks: If you are using an ebook for the class, you will need to use TWO devices for open-book quizzes: one device to take the quiz with the LockDown Browser and a separate device to access the ebook. For example, you could take the quiz on a laptop and access the ebook on your phone.

Discussions (15% of your final grade)

Each week students will participate in a discussion based on course material. Weekly discussion points will focus on child growth and development, specific theories, and controversial subjects. To enhance your learning and professional growth, it is important to read other students' responses. You may submit comments to peer responses as well. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ALL 3 POINTS for the discussion, you must post your discussion comment and also comment on the posts of two other class members.

Class Project (25% of your final grade)

Students will participate in a research project to provide a deeper understanding of historical frameworks, topic definitions, and critical analysis of issues in the field of adolescent development. A key element of research is sharing findings with others. The research project is your choice of two options: a formal paper OR a presentation. Additional information is available on the assignment page. The project grading page will look like you need to do both options, but when you complete the research paper OR the podcast, I will "excuse" the other.

Grading Scale

Grades from this course will be determined on a point basis. Points for each requirement are totaled at the end of the semester based on the following percentiles:

- 94% - 100% = A

- 90% - 93% = A-

- 87% - 89% = B+

- 84% - 86% = B

- 80% - 83% = B-

- 77% - 79% = C+

- 74% - 76% = C

- 70% - 73% = C-

- 67% - 69% = D+

- 64% - 66% = D

- 60% - 63% = D-

- 59% or less = E

Assignment Schedule

Due Date	Assignment Name	Assignment Type	Points
	Modified Curve	Assignment	100
	Chapter 01 Practice Quiz- Requires Respondus LockDown Browser	Quiz	10
	Chapter 02 Practice Quiz- Requires Respondus LockDown Browser	Quiz	10
	Chapter 02 Study Questions (Recommended)	Assignment	0

Due Date	Assignment Name	Assignment Type	Points
	Chapter 03 Practice Quiz- Requires Respondus LockDown Browser	Quiz	10
	Chapter 03 Study Questions (Recommended)	Assignment	0
	Chapter 04 Practice Quiz- Requires Respondus LockDown Browser	Quiz	10
	Chapter 04 Study Questions (Recommended)	Assignment	0
	Chapter 05 Practice Quiz- Requires Respondus LockDown Browser	Quiz	10
	Chapter 05 Study Questions (Recommended)	Assignment	0
	Chapter 06 Practice Quiz- Requires Respondus LockDown Browser	Quiz	10
	Chapter 06 Study Questions (Recommended)	Assignment	0
	Chapter 07 Practice Quiz- Requires Respondus LockDown Browser	Quiz	10

Due Date	Assignment Name	Assignment Type	Points
	Chapter 07 Study Questions (Recommended)	Assignment	0
	Chapter 08 Practice Quiz- Requires Respondus LockDown Browser	Quiz	10
	Chapter 08 Study Questions (Recommended)	Assignment	0
	Chapter 09 Practice Quiz- Requires Respondus LockDown Browser	Quiz	10
	Chapter 09 Study Questions (Recommended)	Assignment	0
	Chapter 10 Practice Quiz- Requires Respondus LockDown Browser	Quiz	10
	Chapter 10 Study Questions (Recommended)	Assignment	0
	Chapter 11 Practice Quiz- Requires Respondus LockDown Browser	Quiz	10
	Chapter 11 Study Questions (Recommended)	Assignment	0

Due Date	Assignment Name	Assignment Type	Points
	[Chapter 12 Practice Quiz- Requires Respondus LockDown Browser](#)	Quiz	10
	[Chapter 12 Study Questions (Recommended)](#)	Assignment	0
	[Chapter 13 Practice Quiz- Requires Respondus LockDown Browser](#)	Quiz	10
	[Chapter 13 Study Questions (Recommended)](#)	Assignment	0
	[Introduce Yourself](#)	Discussion	0
8/28/25	[Lockdown Browser Quiz - Requires Respondus LockDown Browser + Webcam](#)	Quiz	5
9/6/25	[Chapter 01 Discussion](#)	Discussion	5
9/6/25	[Chapter 01 Graded Quiz - Requires Respondus LockDown Browser + Webcam](#)	Quiz	10
9/6/25	[Chapter 01 Reading and Study Questions](#)	Assignment	1
9/9/25	[Chapters 01 & 02 Assignment](#)	Assignment	20

Due Date	Assignment Name	Assignment Type	Points
9/13/25	Chapter 02 Discussion	Discussion	5
9/13/25	Chapter 02 Graded Quiz - Requires Respondus LockDown Browser + Webcam	Quiz	10
9/20/25	Chapter 03 Discussion	Discussion	5
9/20/25	Chapter 03 Graded Quiz - Requires Respondus LockDown Browser + Webcam	Quiz	10
9/23/25	Chapters 03 & 04 Assignment	Assignment	20
9/27/25	Chapter 04 Discussion	Discussion	5
9/27/25	Chapter 04 Graded Quiz - Requires Respondus LockDown Browser + Webcam	Quiz	10
10/4/25	Chapter 05 Discussion	Discussion	5
10/4/25	Chapter 05 Graded Quiz - Requires Respondus LockDown Browser + Webcam	Quiz	10

Due Date	Assignment Name	Assignment Type	Points
10/7/25	[Chapters 05 & 06 Assignment](#)	Assignment	20
10/11/25	[Chapter 06 Discussion](#)	Discussion	5
10/11/25	[Chapter 06 Graded Quiz - Requires Respondus LockDown Browser + Webcam](#)	Quiz	10
10/19/25	[Chapter 07 Discussion](#)	Discussion	5
10/19/25	[Chapter 07 Graded Quiz - Requires Respondus LockDown Browser + Webcam](#)	Quiz	10
10/21/25	[Chapters 07 & 08 Assignment](#)	Assignment	20
10/25/25	[Chapter 08 Discussion](#)	Discussion	5
10/25/25	[Chapter 08 Graded Quiz - Requires Respondus LockDown Browser + Webcam](#)	Quiz	10
11/1/25	[Chapter 09 Discussion](#)	Discussion	5

Due Date	Assignment Name	Assignment Type	Points
11/1/25	Chapter 09 Graded Quiz - Requires Respondus LockDown Browser + Webcam	Quiz	10
11/4/25	Chapters 09 & 10 Assignment	Assignment	20
11/8/25	Chapter 10 Discussion	Discussion	5
11/8/25	Chapter 10 Graded Quiz - Requires Respondus LockDown Browser + Webcam	Quiz	10
11/15/25	Chapter 11 Discussion	Discussion	5
11/15/25	Chapter 11 Graded Quiz - Requires Respondus LockDown Browser + Webcam	Quiz	10
11/22/25	Chapter 12 Discussion	Discussion	5
11/22/25	Chapter 12 Graded Quiz - Requires Respondus LockDown Browser + Webcam	Quiz	10
12/6/25	Class Project Option 1: Research paper	Assignment	100
12/6/25	Class Project Option 2: Podcast Presentation	Assignment	100

Due Date	Assignment Name	Assignment Type	Points
12/9/25	[Chapters 11, 12 & 13 Assignment](#)	Assignment	20
12/13/25	[Chapter 13 Discussion](#)	Discussion	5
12/13/25	[Chapter 13 Graded Quiz - Requires Respondus LockDown Browser + Webcam](#)	Quiz	10

Additional Class Policies

LATE WORK POLICY:

Except for Discussion Boards and the Final, which cannot be submitted late, late work on all other assignments and quizzes will be accepted up to 4 days late with a deduction of 10% per day (0.04% per hour), but please note that Canvas is a computer so it is very strict about the 11:59 p.m. deadline and will round up to the next whole hour block.

EXAMPLE: assignment is due at 11:59 on Friday and you turn it in at 12:05 a.m. on Saturday, Canvas will count that as one hour late. The assignment will be graded and scored just like any other student's work, and then Canvas will reduce the score by 0.04% per hour.

So a perfect 100% assignment =

1 full day late = A-

2 full days late = B-

3 full days late = C-

4 full days late = D-

More than 4 full days late = E

Engagement Plan

- I will respond to email within 24 hours M-F. I will offer feedback on major assignments within 7 days. The best way to contact me is through the Canvas Imbox as I will prioritize this method over other modes of communication.

- In this course I will be posting announcements. Please read them carefully.

- Additionally, I will be participating in the discussion forums with you to share my perspective within the discipline and to offer some nuances of interpretation that may not be present in your textbook.

How to Navigate to Canvas

This course uses the Canvas course management system. All students must use Canvas to retrieve course readings, access web pages, upload assignments, receive course announcements, and review the class section's syllabus.

How to Succeed in the Course

I want to help you be successful in this course! Here's some things that will help:

- Submit work on time
- Read instructions for assignments carefully so you don't lose easy points
- Read each assigned chapter
- Read my announcement each week
- Message me through Canvas if you have any questions

Course Content Advisory

Please be advised that this course may include discussions, readings, and other content that some students might find distressing or triggering. Specifically, the course may cover topics

such as:

- Violence or traumatic events
- Sensitive social and political issues
- Discussions of mental health, including depression and anxiety
- Graphic or explicit descriptions and imagery
- Any other specific content relevant to the course

Our aim is to explore these topics thoughtfully and respectfully, understanding their importance in our field of study. However, we recognize that such material can be challenging. If you have concerns about your ability to engage with certain course materials due to past experiences or personal reasons, please feel free to discuss this with me privately. We can explore alternative ways for you to engage with the material while ensuring your educational experience is not compromised.

Your well-being is important, and support services are available through the college's counseling support services should you need them.

Academic Integrity

Plagiarism and AI detection software will be used to evaluate all of your papers. Instructors are required to refer students who violate SLCC's academic honesty policies to the Dean of Students. Here's some tips to help you avoid plagiarism and AI use in your work:

1. Unless it's your own idea directly from your own head, include a citation and reference.
2. If it's knowledge that you've already accumulated from somewhere else previously and it is now in your own head, you still need a citation and reference. Unless it's a commonly accepted fact like: the sky is blue.
3. Never copy and paste anything from anywhere into your paper unless you are putting quotation marks around it, with a citation and reference.
4. While reading through a source, take notes in your own words. Then when you go to write your submission, you can refer to your notes and know they are your own words. But still include a citation and reference, because even though they are your own words, they are not your own ideas.

5. Do not use AI and claim that it is your own writing and ideas.

Institutional Policies

As members of our academic community, we would like to invite you to review the Institutional Syllabus which covers important policies and procedures. This document contains important links for students on the code of student rights and responsibilities, academic integrity, and grading policies, Title IX and other important acknowledgements. By familiarizing yourself with this information, you can help us create a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

For more information, navigate to the Institutional Policies tab on the [Institutional Syllabus](#) page.

Learning Support and Tutoring Services

We are pleased to offer a range of tutoring and learning support services to help you achieve your academic goals. Whether you need assistance with a specific subject or want to improve your study skills, you have many options for tutoring or other support.

To learn more about the services we offer and how to access them, visit the [Institutional Syllabus](#) page under the Tutoring and Learning Support tab. We encourage you to take advantage of these resources to help you succeed in your studies. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a tutoring session, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you in any way we can.

Online Tutoring

Students at SLCC have access to online tutoring through Canvas. From your Canvas course click Online Tutoring in the course navigation and follow the steps to set up an appointment. If this is your first time using the Online Tutoring we recommend you click "Take a Tour" to familiarize yourself with the service.

Note that students only receive 480 minutes of tutoring time each semester. After that we encourage you to use the resources found through this link:
https://www.slcc.edu/tutoring/index.aspx

If you have any additional questions reach out to elearningsupport@slcc.edu.

Advising and Counseling Support Services

At our institution, we are committed to supporting your academic and personal growth. That's why we offer a range of advising and counseling services to help you navigate the challenges of college life. To learn more about the resources available to you and how to access them, visit the [Institutional Syllabus](#) page under the Advising and Counseling Support Services tab. Our advising team and the support centers across campus are here to support you in achieving your goals and overcoming any obstacles you may face.

Student Academic Calendar

As students you should be aware of all important dates in the semester, such as the day that courses begin and end, as well as the drop date and the last day to withdraw. To learn more about those dates, navigate to the Student Academic Calendar below:

[SLCC Student Academic Calendar](#)

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