

PSYC4003 Foundations of Developmental Psychology (Semester 2)

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Pre-course reading suggestion (1 items)

If you are new to studying developmental psychology or would just like to refresh your knowledge before starting the course, you may find that Usha Goswami's "Child Psychology: A Very Short Introduction" provides a quick and easy to read introduction.

Child psychology: a very short introduction, by Usha C. Goswami, 2014

Book

Note where two entries for a book appear in the following list, the first link will be to the hardcopy of the book and the second link will be to the electronic version of the book.

Recommended course text books (3 items)

The core text for this module is Slater and Bremner (2017). Schaffer (2006) is also recommended and is likely to be useful for reference. If you are intending to do the advanced PSYC5007/U24135 module in Developmental Psychology (all GBC students and PX fields) then you will find both texts will also be useful for the advanced module.

An introduction to developmental psychology, edited by Alan Slater; J. Gavin Bremner, 2017

Book

An introduction to developmental psychology, by Alan Slater, Gavin Bremner, 2017

Book

Key concepts in developmental psychology, by H. Rudolph Schaffer, 2006

Book

Additional text books (3 items)

The following text books might also be useful. Harris and Westermann (2015) provide an introduction to developmental psychology and may be useful for any students who have not studied developmental psychology before. Harris (2008) provide a good overview of methods used in developmental psychology. In addition you will find there a number of Developmental Psychology textbooks available from the library which will cover some of the material in this module (though probably not all).

A student's guide to developmental psychology, by Margaret Harris; Gert Westermann, 2015

Book

A student's guide to developmental psychology, by Margaret Harris; Gert Westermann; Sunae Kim; Marina Bazhydai, 2025

Book

Exploring developmental psychology: understanding theory and methods, by Margaret Harris, 2008

Book

Week 1 - Conceptions of childhood (4 items)

Read one of these items

An introduction to developmental psychology, edited by Alan Slater; J. Gavin Bremner, 2017

Book

An introduction to developmental psychology, by Alan Slater, Gavin Bremner, 2017

Book

or

Key concepts in developmental psychology, by Schaffer, H. R., 2006

Chapter | Chapter 1

Week 2 - Cognitive development (3 items)

Read one of these items

An introduction to developmental psychology, by Alan Slater, Gavin Bremner, 2017

Book | 2017 Edition: Chapter 2 (pages 50-58), Chapter 5 (especially pages 161-162) and Chapter 9. 2011 Edition: Chapter 2 (pages 50-58), Chapter 5 (especially pages 166-167) and Chapter 9.

or

Key concepts in developmental psychology, by H. R. Schaffer, 2006

Chapter | Chapter 1 (pp.16-20), Chapter 2 (pp.36-39), Chapter 5 (pp. 96-108)

Week 3 - Coursework Assignment (3 items)

Addition and Subtraction by Human Infants - in Nature, by Karen Wynn, 1992

Article

Additional reading:

How infants process addition and subtraction events. - in *Developmental Science*, by Leslie B Cohen; Kathryn S. Marks, 2002

Article

Week 4 - Language development (6 items)

An introduction to developmental psychology, by Alan Slater, Gavin Bremner, 2017

[Book](#) | Chapter 10.

Child language: acquisition and development, by M. Saxton, 2017

[Book](#) | Chapter 3 (pages 57-73 and pp 79-84) and Chapter 4 (pages 86-117)

PDF Copy of Chapter 3 - Child language: acquisition and development, by M Saxton, 2017

[Webpage](#)

Additional reading:

Critical period for first language: The crucial role of language input during the first year of life - in *Current Opinion in Neurobiology*, by N. Friedmann; D. Rusou, 2015

[Article](#)

(Baby)Talk to Me : The Social Context of Infant-Directed Speech and Its Effects on Early Language Acquisition - in *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, by R.M. Golinkoff; D.D. Can; M. Soderstrom; K. Hirsh-Pasek, 2015

[Article](#)

Week 5 - Reasoning and Theory of Mind (ToM) (6 items)

Read one of these items

An introduction to developmental psychology, by Alan Slater, Gavin Bremner, 2017

[Book](#) | Chapter 11.

or

Key concepts in developmental psychology, by H. R. Schaffer, 2006

[Chapter](#) | Chapter 6, pp133-39.

Additional reading:

PDF Copy: Great apes anticipate that other individuals will act according to false beliefs. *Science*, 354, Issue 6308, pp. 110-114. DOI: 10.1126/science.aaf8110, by C Krupenye; F Kano; S Hirata; M Tomasello, 2016

[Webpage](#)

Eighteen-month-olds understand false beliefs in an unexpected-contents task - in *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, by D. Buttellmann; H. Over; M. Carpenter; M. Tomasello, 2014

[Article](#)

Week 6 - Number development (4 items)

An introduction to developmental psychology, by Alan Slater, Gavin Bremner, 2017

[Book](#) | 2017 Edition: Chapter 12, pp. 422-434

2011 Edition: Chapter 12, pp. 400-412.

Pretend play and the cultural foundations of mathematics - in European Early Childhood Education Research Journal, by Maulfry Worthington; Bert van Oers, 2016

[Article](#)

Additional reading:

The construction of number concepts - in Cognitive Development, by Kelly S. Mix, 2002

[Article](#)

Week 8 - Self and Identity (7 items)

An introduction to developmental psychology, by Alan Slater, Gavin Bremner, 2017

[Book](#) | Chapter 8.

Social development, by H. R. Schaffer, 1996

[Chapter](#) | Chapter 4. pp 154 - 202

PDF Copy of Chapter 4: Social Development, by R.H. Schaffer, 1996

[Webpage](#)

Additional reading:

Development of Self-Recognition, Personal Pronoun Use, and Pretend Play Dur... - in Child Development, by M. Lewis; D. Ramsay, 2004

[Article](#)

Is gender more important and meaningful than race? An analysis of racial and gender identity among Black, White, and mixed-race children - in Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology, by L.O. Rogers; A.N. Meltzoff, 2017

[Article](#)

The development of the person: the Minnesota study of risk and adaptation from birth to adulthood, by Alan Sroufe, c2005

[Book](#)

Week 9 - Attachment (7 items)

An introduction to developmental psychology, by Alan Slater, Gavin Bremner, 2017

[Book](#) | Chapter 6.

Essential papers for examination preparation:

Attachment Security in Infancy and Early Adulthood: A Twenty-Year Longitudinal Study. - in Child Development, by Waters Everett; Susan Merrick, 2000

Article

Mother-child attachment and cognitive performance in middle childhood: An examination of mediating mechanisms - in Early Childhood Research Quarterly, by Katara K. West; Brittany L. Mathews; Kathryn A. Kerns, 2013-4

Article

Additional reading:

Parent-Child Attachment and Emotion Regulation. - in New Directions for Child & Adolescent Development, by L.E. Brumariu, 2015

Article

Narrowing the transmission gap: A synthesis of three decades of research on... - in Psychological Bulletin, by M.L. Verhage, 2016

Article | Essential paper for examination preparation.

READ: pages 1-6 , 9-12, Results pages 23-24, Discussion pages 29-30 and pages 37-40 (from 'Revisiting the transmission gap').

Week 10 - Adolescence (6 items)

An introduction to developmental psychology, by Alan Slater, Gavin Bremner, 2017

Book | Chapter 16 and Chapter 17.

Decision-making in the adolescent brain. - in Nature Neuroscience, by S-J. Blakemore; T. Robbins, 2012

Article | A good and easy read - essential for examination preparation.

Peer Influence on Risk Taking, Risk Preference, and Risky Decision Making i... - in Developmental Psychology, by M. Gardener; L. Steinberg, 2005

Article | An essential paper for exam preparation.

Interaction of reward seeking and self-regulation in the prediction of risk... - in Developmental Psychology, by N. Duell; L. Steinberg; J. Chein; S.M. Al-Hassan; D. Bacchini; C. Lei; J.E. Lansford, 2016

Article

Adolescents in Peer Groups Make More Prudent Decisions When a Slightly Older Adult Is Present - in Psychological Science, by Karol Silva; Jason Chein; Laurence Steinberg, 2016

Article

What Ever Happened to the 'Cool' Kids? Long-Term Sequelae of Early Adolesce... - in Child Development, by J.P. Allen; M.M. Schad; B. Oudekerk; J. Chango, 2014

Article