

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COLLEGE

Course: PY 204: Psychology of Adolescence

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: PY 101: General Psychology

Description: This course is designed to increase student' understanding of the psychology of adolescence and emerging adulthood, its methods, theories and research. The course will explore the psychological principles and phenomena associated with adolescence with a focus on a cultural approach. Psychological inquiry will be emphasized with the goal of increasing student perception of the world around us, insight into one's own and other's behavior and its origins, and an ongoing appreciation of the complexities of the human mind and behavior, with particular attention on the developmental issues and implications faced through adolescence.

Learning Outcomes:

At the completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Discuss information about various researchers and theories pertaining to adolescent development
- Examine the interaction of physical, cognitive, and psychosocial domains of adolescent development
- Analyze the impact of heredity, culture and the environment on development
- Evaluate the impact of developmental stages on adolescent behavior and the impact of that behavior on others.

Topical Outline:

- Biological Foundations
- Cognitive Foundations
- Cultural Beliefs
- Gender
- The Self
- Family Relationships
- Friends and Peers
- Love and Sexuality
- School
- Work
- Media
- Problems and Resilience

Text: Arnett, Jeffrey Jensen (2013). *Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood: A Cultural Approach* (5th ed.). Pearson.

Student Assessment: Assessment may be accomplished through projects, portfolios, exams, presentations and/or papers.

* Students should be reminded to save all course work for portfolio development.

Academic Integrity: Plagiarism is cheating. Plagiarism is presenting in written work, in public speaking, and in oral reports the ideas or exact words of someone else without proper documentation. Whether the act of plagiarism is deliberate or accidental [ignorance of the proper rules for handling material is no excuse], plagiarism is, indeed, a “criminal” offense. As such, a plagiarized paper or report automatically receives a grade of **ZERO** and the student may receive a grade of **F** for the semester at the discretion of the instructor.

Note: If you are having difficulty with work in this class tutoring is available through the Center for Academic & Student Success. If you think that you might have a learning disability, contact Project Assist at 856.691.8600 x 1282 for information on assistance that can be provided to eligible students.

Before Withdrawing From This Course

If a student experiences adverse circumstances while enrolled in this course and considers withdrawing, s/he should see an advisor (division or advisement center) **BEFORE** withdrawing from the class. A withdrawal may cause harmful repercussions to completion rate standards and overall GPA which can limit or eliminate future financial aid in addition to causing academic suspension.