

PSYC 302A 99C Infancy Lesson Modules

Module 1 Introduction

Module Overview

This module will introduce you to some of the central issues surrounding the study of infancy; provide you with an overview of the historical perspectives on infancy and childhood; and outline the various methods researchers use to assess infant development.

Module Global Objectives

- To provide sufficient background information to facilitate understanding of the various issues central to infant development that will be covered in this course.
- To outline the various *reasons* to study infants and the various *ways* to study infants.

Module 2 Introduction

Module Overview

This module will provide you with an overview of basic genetics, prenatal development, and birth.

Module Global Objectives

- To introduce students to the basic genetic principles that influence heritability.
- To introduce key issues relevant to prenatal development, birth, and the newborn.

Module 3 Introduction

Module Overview

This module will provide you with an overview of the major milestones and central issues in infants' physical development, health, and nutrition as well as provide more detailed descriptions of research findings on infants' perceptual and motor development.

Module Global Objectives

- To introduce students to central issues and key research findings on infants' physical development.
- To shed light on how researchers can use some of the methods outlined in Module 1 to answer key questions about infants' perceptual and motor abilities at various developmental stages.

Module 4 Introduction

Module Overview

This module will provide you with an introduction to the major issues in infants' early cognitive development and language development.

Module Global Objectives

- To introduce students to different theories of cognitive and language development.
- To outline key research findings on infants' cognitive and language development.
- To shed light on how researchers can use some of the methods outlined in Module 1 to answer key questions about infants' thought development and communication abilities.

Module 5 Introduction

Module Overview

This module will provide you with an introduction to the major issues in infants' social development and social cognition.

Module Global Objectives

- To introduce students to different theories of social development.
- To outline key research findings on infants' social development and social cognition.

Module 6 Introduction

Module Overview

This module will provide an overview of contemporary issues in infant development and discuss the practical applications and implications of research on infant development for social policies.

Module Global Objectives

- To outline various intervention programs aimed at improving infant development and social policies for infants
- To foster critical thinking about the practical applications of research on infant development
- To draw attention to how historical changes and technological changes impact infant development