

PSYCHOLOGY OF ADOLESCENCE  
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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The focus of this course is an advanced examination of the processes, contexts, and clinical issues associated with adolescent development. The course is geared toward professional, graduate-level students who have a background in human development (e.g., CPSY 454) and who intend to work with adolescents in clinical, school, or other applied settings. There will be an emphasis on understanding normal developmental processes as well as the contexts which compromise adolescent mental health and well being. Specific objectives of this course include: (1) Gaining a basic understanding of the adolescent developmental issues (e.g., factual knowledge, methods, principles, generalizations, theories), (2) Learning to apply course material to your work (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions), and (3) Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field.

REQUIRED TEXT (please check Loyola's EBL collection):

Lerner, R. M. & Steinberg, L. (2009). *The Handbook of Adolescent Psychology*. Volume I  
Wiley & Sons: Hoboken, NJ.  
ISBN: 978-0-470-14920-1

Additional Readings (see below)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Class participation (20%): This is a graduate level, seminar-style class and as such, requires that all students attend class prepared to engage in discussions of the readings and their applications. Participation will be in small and large groups.
2. Case Study (40%): You will be asked to prepare an in-depth analysis of one particular individual's experience of adolescent development. We will watch a documentary in class that traces the lives of several individual adolescents and you will be asked to a) identify the major developmental issues facing the subject (cognitive, social, moral, vocational, etc.) and b) discuss how environmental contexts (family, school, friends, culture) contribute positively and/or negatively to the adolescent's development. In-class assignment, June 15, 2017.

3. Research Paper (40%): You will be asked to research a particular topic of interest to you (e.g., a special population, clinical issues, etc.). You should present the status of the literature in whatever area you choose (i.e., what do we know, what is still unknown). Approve your topic with the instructor. Length: 10-12 pages. Due date: June 29, 2017.

**Course Emphases:**

**Social Action through Education:** As a professional counselor, higher education professional, school psychologist or counseling psychologist you can be a vehicle for justice in what ever setting you work. Issues of oppression, privilege, access, opportunity, inclusion, exclusion, discrimination and bias occur throughout our society. You will be in a unique position to apply the knowledge base of your profession and the skills that you will acquire in an ethical and reflective manner that promotes the self-development and self-determination of others. This class is designed to help you consider social action as a critical aspect of your professional work. The School of Education conceptual framework is described here: [www.luc.edu/education/mission/](http://www.luc.edu/education/mission/) We will also be assessing Conceptual Framework Standard 1 in this course: Candidates critically evaluate current bodies of knowledge in their field. The rubric for this is located on LiveText (see below for link).

**Diversity:** Your program is committed to issues of diversity including, but not limited to, race, gender, sexual orientation, social class, ethnicity, ability status. This class is designed to facilitate your development as a culturally competent professional, able to work effectively with diverse clients and communities.

**Dispositions:** The disposition of *Professionalism* will be assessed in this class. Professionalism is assessed by examining your conduct as a student both in your interactions with the instructor as well as other students. Students who show impairment in this regard may be assessed as deficient. Students who exhibit exemplary conduct will be assessed as such on this dimension.

**Counseling Psychology Professionalism Dispositions Rubric**

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>
Interactions	Candidate demonstrates exceptional professional and ethical behavior when interacting with fellow students, staff, faculty, supervisors, and clients	Candidate demonstrates professional and ethical behavior when interacting with fellow students, staff, faculty, supervisors, and clients.	Candidate does not demonstrate professional and ethical behavior when interacting with fellow students, staff, faculty, supervisors, and clients
Course work	Candidate demonstrates a working knowledge	Candidate demonstrates a basic knowledge of	Candidate fails to demonstrate an understanding of

	of professional and ethical behavior by demonstrating an understanding of the ACA ethical principles (school and community counseling students) and APA ethical principles (counseling psychology students) via performance in course	professional and ethical behavior by demonstrating an understanding of the ACA ethical principles (school and community counseling students) and APA ethical principles (counseling psychology students) via performance in course	ACA ethical principles (community and school counseling students) and APA ethical principles (counseling psychology students) via substandard course work performance.
Field work	Candidate demonstrates a working knowledge of professional and ethical behavior by demonstrating an understanding of the ACA ethical principles (school and community counseling students) and APA ethical principles (counseling psychology students) via work and interaction with supervisors and clients in field placements.	Candidate demonstrates a basic knowledge of professional and ethical behavior by demonstrating an understanding of the ACA ethical principles (school and community counseling students) and APA ethical principles (counseling psychology students) via work and interaction with supervisors and clients in field placements.	Candidate fails to demonstrate an understanding of ACA ethical principles (community and school counseling students) and APA ethical principles (counseling psychology students) via demonstrated unprofessional or unethical conduct with supervisors and clients in field placements.

**Syllabus Addendum Link**

[www.luc.edu/education/syllabus-addendum/](http://www.luc.edu/education/syllabus-addendum/)

The link above directs students to the statements on Academic Honesty, Accessibility, Conceptual Framework, EthicsLine Reporting Hotline, and the Electronic Communication Policies and Guidelines.

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

Date:

Topic:

Readings:

May 23

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June 8	Peer and School Contexts	Articles, Ch 12
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## **Loyola University Chicago School of Education Syllabus Addendum**

**[IDEA Course Evaluation Link for Students](#)**



Each course you take in the School of Education is evaluated through the IDEA Campus Labs system. We ask that when you receive an email alerting you that the evaluation is available that you promptly complete it. To learn more about IDEA or to access the website directly to complete your course evaluation go to: <http://luc.edu/idea/> and click on **STUDENT IDEA LOGIN** on the left hand side of the page.

### **Dispositions**

All students are assessed on one or more dispositional areas of growth across our programs: **Professionalism, Inquiry, and Social Justice**. The instructor in your course will identify the dispositions assessed in this course and you can find the rubrics related to these dispositions in LiveText. *For those students in non-degree programs, the rubric for dispositions may be available through Sakai, TaskStream or another platform.* Disposition data is reviewed by program faculty on a regular basis. This allows faculty to work with students to develop throughout their program and address any issues as they arise.

### **LiveText**

All students, *except those who are non-degree*, must have access to LiveText to complete the benchmark assessments aligned to the Conceptual Framework Standards and all other accreditation, school-wide and/or program-wide related assessments. You can access more information on LiveText here: [LiveText](#).

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This link directs students to statements on essential policies regarding *academic honesty, accessibility, ethics line reporting and electronic communication policies and guidelines*. We ask that you read each policy carefully.

This link will also bring you to the full text of our conceptual framework that guides the work of the School of Education – ***Social Action through Education***.

### **IDEA Course Evaluation Link for Students**

At the end of this course, you will need to provide an evaluation via the IDEA Campus Labs website: <http://luc.edu/idea/> by going to the **Student IDEA Log In**.

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