

**Psychology 4911 (Developmental – Lifespan)**  
**Sec 506B, 22213**  
**Fall, 2022**

**General**

Course Time: Check with your primary faculty mentor to set your schedule for the semester  
Location: T 8:30-9:30, PSY 130. Arrange research hours with your primary faculty mentor.  
Coordinator for Fall 2022: Dr. Bluck ([bluck@ufl.edu](mailto:bluck@ufl.edu)). Office: McCarty C 506  
Office Hours: Tuesdays 12:00-2:00

**Description**

This is a course on research methods and applications in the study of lifespan development. You will choose a faculty member with whom you will work directly. The specific research activities you will be involved in vary from semester to semester, and from lab to lab, depending on the great range of developmental research our faculty conducts. Before Week 1, contact the specific professor with whom you have been approved to conduct the research activities. Be sure to fill out the 4911-Research Form, and indicate Developmental under “area.”

**Objectives:** By the end of the semester, students will be able to:

Perform research tasks that may include but are not limited to: collecting data, managing databases, recruiting participants in research, focused library research and literature reviews, preparation of materials for dissemination at scientific conferences, mastery of APA style, learning interview techniques, learning content analysis or other research methods.

**Text**

There is not a specific textbook. You will be assigned reading and online materials in your lab that fit closely with the content and methods of the lab where you are working as a research assistant.

**Lab Meetings**

These are variable across labs, but often occur weekly or bi-weekly. Your attendance at research lab meetings is arranged between you and your primary faculty supervisor and is a required part of the course.

**Lab Research Activities**

These are variable but most labs have activity several times per week if not daily, depending on the specific lab with which you are doing work. Your specific activities will be assigned by your primary faculty supervisor depending on the number of credits you are signed up for (0 – 3).

**Attendance and Make-up Work**

Stay in close contact with your primary faculty supervisor. Requirements for attendance and exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

## **Grading**

Your performance is graded as “Satisfactory” or “Unsatisfactory.” The course coordinator will report to you if any concern has arisen regarding your lab performance. Satisfactory performance included attending lab meetings, completing all required lab hours, diligently and conscientiously engaging in the research process as part of your lab team.

## **Students Requiring Accommodations**

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center by visiting <https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/>. Students should share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs as early as possible in the semester.

## **Course Evaluation.**

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/>.

## **University Honesty Policy**

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

## **Counseling and Wellness**

In case you are feeling stressed or would like to connect with a counsellor: Counseling and Wellness Center: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu>; or have other concerns: University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

In response to COVID-19, recommendations are in place to maintain your learning environment, enhance the safety of our in-classroom interactions, and to further the health and safety of

ourselves, our neighbors, and our loved ones. Vaccines are readily available and have been demonstrated to be safe and effective against the COVID-19 virus. Visit [one.ufl.edu](https://one.ufl.edu) for screening / testing and vaccination opportunities.

**If you are sick, let your primary faculty supervisor know, and stay home.** Do not come to the lab to complete your work. Call your primary care provider if you are ill and need immediate care or the UF Student Health Care Center at 352-392-1161. Course materials will be provided to you with an excused absence, and you will be given a reasonable amount of time to make up work.

### **Zoom Considerations**

Class/lab sessions may be audio-visually recorded for students who are unable to attend live. Students who participate with their camera engaged or utilize a profile image are agreeing to have their video or image recorded. If you are unwilling to consent to have your profile or video image recorded, be sure to keep your camera off and do not use a profile image. Likewise, students who un-mute during class and participate verbally are agreeing to have their voices recorded. If you are not willing to consent to have your voice recorded during class, you will need to keep your mute button activated and communicate exclusively using the "chat" feature, which allows students to type questions and comments live. The chat will not be recorded or shared. As in all courses, unauthorized recording and unauthorized sharing of recorded materials is prohibited.