

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

LIFE SPAN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT – Ph.D.

SLO: Knowledge:

- Understand the principles and alternative theories explaining human development from birth through later adulthood.
- Understand and distinguish among developmental methods used to collect data on systematic behavior changes across the lifespan.
- Understand advanced research methods and data analysis systems applied to longitudinal and cross-sectional research designs
- Understand the empirical research findings regarding lifespan human development.
- Understand the major theories of development and the contributions of major theorists and researchers.
- Understand models for applied intervention targeting developmentally-related problems.

SLO: Critical Thinking:

- Ability to distinguish stronger from weaker developmental research.
- Ability to identify the theoretical bases of developmental research.
- Ability to judge the applicability of developmental research to applied developmental problems across diverse human populations.
- Ability to think reflectively and to adopt multiple points of view regarding developmental issues.

SLO: Communication:

- Ability to communicate developmental research effectively to diverse audiences.
- Demonstrate skill at communicating developmental knowledge effectively in writing and speaking.

- Demonstrate skill at working effectively with others on team projects involving application of developmentally-based knowledge.
- Ability to integrate research and theory and provide a comprehensive overview of scientific contributions to a selected area of developmental research and professional practice.

SLO: Diversity:

- Understand how human development across the life span is shaped by diverse personal contexts and cultures.

SLO: Ownership For Learning:

- Demonstrate awareness that developmental knowledge is both time- and context-dependent and thus requires life-long learning skills.
- Develop skills necessary to maintain and to enhance knowledge as a life-long learner.
- Understand how to locate and access resources in lifespan human development.
- Contribute to the knowledge base of human development research in a manner that extends existing theory and research and leads to further study.

SLO: Personal and Professional Development:

- Demonstrate knowledge of critical controversies and ethical issues in developmental subject matter.
- Demonstrate leadership ability in class and small-group situations.
- Understand the importance of personal integrity to both the conduct of science and informed practice and intervention.

