COURSE OUTLINE

1. OVERVIEW

FACULTY	FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES			
SECTION	DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY EDUCATION			
LEVEL OF STUDY	UNDERGRADUATE			
COURSE TITLE				
Contemporary Topics in Developmental Psychology				
COURSE CODE	ΨΧ1301	SEMESTER	6, 8	
HOURS per WEEK	3	ECTS	4	
COURSE CATEGORY	Elective	COURSE TYPE	Scientific area	
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION AND EXAMINATIONS	Modern Greek	PREREQUISITES		
OFFERED TO ERASMUS	YES	ECLASS PAGE	https://eclass.uth.gr/courses/PRE_U_126/	

2. LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, students are expected to:

Define the concept of social construction in the context of developmental psychology

Give examples of psychological constructs that can be seen as social constructs

Recognise the role of society, culture and history in research in developmental psychology

Explain the implications of social constructionism for the definition of development, the distinction of developmental periods and the topics investigated in developmental psychology

Critically interpret, in the light of the principles of social constructionism, the findings of scientific articles in the field of developmental psychology

Discuss the impact of the principles of social constructionism on our daily lives

Compare different theoretical approaches to understanding development

Critically evaluate the ethical and social aspects of research in developmental psychology

Prepare and deliver an effective presentation

General Competencies

Data and information search, analysis and synthesis, using IT as needed

Decision-making

Autonomous work

Teamwork

Respect for difference and multiculturality

Demonstration of social, professional and moral responsibility and sensitivity to gender issues

Critical and self-critical thinking

Advancement of free, creative and inductive thinking

3. CONTENT

The course begins with an introduction to the concept of social construct and its impact on research in developmental psychology. The exact content of the remaining classes is co-constructed by the instructor and students during the semester. Indicative topics addressed during the 2023-2024 academic year are as follows:

Young people's Sexuality

Forms of sexual relationships

Parental attitudes and child development

Psychological affordances of isolation

Use of common space

Resistance to gender norms

Social media-related behaviours

4. TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS - ASSESSMENT

TEACHING MODE	In person				
USE OF ICT	Teaching and learning: Slide show Communication: Webmail / eClass / MSteams				
COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE	YES MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ABSENCES: 3				
TEACHING ORGANIZATION	Ac	Semester Workload (hours)			
	Lectures	39			
	Essay writing	30			
	Study	28			
	Examination	3			
	Course total		100		
EVALUATION					
	Type Format		Weighting		
	Final oral examination		50%		
	Written assignment / report / performance / dossier		50%		
	Description of other evaluation method / Evaluation criteria:				
	The format and type of questions for the final examination is discussed with the students				
	during the semester.				
	In the course of the semester, each student is asked to present a scientific article to the				
	class and to moderate a discussion on it. Participation in the final exam requires successful				
	completion of this presentation.				
	For the final grade, participation account.	in the discussions during the lectur	es will also be taken into		

5. RECOMMENDED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Textbooks (Eudoxus)		
Παπαθανασίου, Ν. & Χρηστίδη, Ε. Ο. (2020). Συμπερίληψη & Ανθεκτικότητα. Gutenberg.		
Bigner, J.J. & Gerhardt, C. (2020). Σχέσεις γονέα-παιδιού. ΠΕΔΙΟ.		
Other Books & Notes		
Scientific Journals		
Scientific Articles		
Other		