



***PSYC 204 (3 Credits)--Adolescent Psychology
Spring 2015***

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Required Text: *Adolescence* (15th edition), John W. Santrock

CLASS POLICIES

1. Learning is not a spectator sport. Fundamentally, the responsibility to learn is yours and yours alone. For learning to happen in any course, you must take an active role in the process. For this class, you are expected to come to class **prepared and ready to learn**, which requires you to read and to study the assigned reading before you come to class.
2. ***Cell phone use*** – HCC policy states that cell phone use is not allowed in the classroom (see Student Handbook). All cell phones & electronic devices **must be turned off** when class starts and remain off until class is over. Anyone using cell phones (texting, reading e-mail, etc.) or other electronic devices during class will lose participation points for that day.
3. Class begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. Plan to arrive on time! See note on **LATE** below
4. ***Attendance*** - Each student may miss one (1) class with no point penalty; after that each **ABSENCE** will result in a 5-point deduction from the participation grade. For each two **LATE** arrivals to class, an **ABSENCE** will be noted and points will be deducted as mentioned above. Coming back late after break, counts as being late. If a class is missed, students are responsible for getting class notes from another student.
5. ***Class behavior*** - Class sessions require the display of professional, adult on-task behaviors. In addition to absences, late arrivals, and the use of electronic devices, the following behaviors will also result in a 5-point deduction from your participation grade each day they occur: being inattentive during the class session; disrupting the learning of others; leaving class early; leaving and returning to class; sleeping during class.