SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Course Number:	PSYC 325	Department:	Psychology			
Course Title:	Life Span Growth & Devel.	Semester:	Spring	Year:	1999	

Objectives/Competencies

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1. To help students accurately understand important psychological concepts and theories.	1. To demonstrate understanding through class tests and papers.		
2. To better understand human behavior and motivation in various stages of life and appreciate human differences.	1. To demonstrate through class discussion and written assignments a working knowledge of various approaches used in viewing human behavior.		
3. To understand and appreciate scientific research as it sheds light on the human condition and be able to use the scientific approach when evaluating data gained from various sources.	1. To succeed in tests, papers, and essays that exhibit understanding of the scientific approach and the contribution of scientific research to our knowledge base.		
4. To further the development of the capacity for critical thinking on the part of students.	 To demonstrate in class discussion how to accurately assess claims, alternative explanations and supporting data (or lack thereof) made by themselves, others, tests, newspapers and even Old Wives. 		
5. To become more comfortable and practiced at thinking	1. Demonstrate increased proficiency through papers and essay answers.		

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through, organizing and putting into writing concepts,	
ideas, and explanations.	