

Recommendations for Undergraduates with Interests in Developmental Psychology

Developmental Psychology is the study of what social, cognitive, and physical changes occur from conception through a person's lifetime, and also investigates how and why those changes occur. Developmental researchers at UNLV study infants, children, adolescents, and young adults, and also use animal models to study development.

Take Upper Level Developmental Courses

- PSY 330 – Foundations of Developmental Psychology: Infant & Child
- PSY 334 – Foundations of Developmental Psychology: Adolescence & Adulthood
- PSY 432 – Language Development
- PSY 495 – Developmental Seminars
- PSY 499 – Developmental Special Topics
- Developmental Capstone course
- Consider completing an honor's thesis project related to development

Participate in a Developmental Research Lab for at least Two Semesters

- Course credit – PSY 496 (Independent Research) or PSY 498 (Independent Study)
- Volunteer
- Try to present at professional conferences or events on campus
- Possible developmental mentors – Dr. Erin Hannon, Dr. Jennifer Rennels, Dr. Rachael Robnett, or one of their graduate students

Other Recommendations

Get involved in Psi Chi, the national honor society for psychology students.

If eligible, join the Psychology Department's Outreach Undergraduate Mentoring Program (OUMP).

Talk with developmental faculty mentors about career options, choosing graduate schools/mentors, and preparing your graduate application (e.g., personal statement and requesting letters of recommendation).

Volunteer at child-centered institutions (e.g., child care, Boys & Girls Club)