**PSY 2108 Developmental Psychology**

**Course aim:** To provide students with knowledge about human development

To give appropriate expectations for children and adolescents as well as help students recognize departures from normal development.

**Course Content:** What is development; Theories of Development; Prenatal Development and Birth Cognitive Development including , Infant perception, Infant cognition, Behavioral learning in infancy, Language acquisition; The Development of attachment; theories of attachment, Behaviorist theory, Psychoanalyst theory, Bowlby’s ethological theory, Measuring the security of attachment (Ainsworth’s strange situation),Factors that affect the development of attachment and the father’s special role; Adolescence – The Physical transition to adulthood, Reactions to adolescence, Emotion and social behavior, Adolescence sexuality

**Reading List**

Bloom, L.B (1988) Health Psychology: A psychological perspective.

Englewood Cliffs / New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

DiMatteo, M & Robin (1991). The psychology of health, illness and medical care

An individual perspective. Pacific Grove / California: Brooks / Cole.

Ogden, J. (2000) Health Psychology of health: A text book (2nd Edition).

Buckingham/Philadelphia: Open University Press.