# Childhood Psychology

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The course will present the principal models of the psychic development of the child. The student will be introduced to the theoretical and methodological problem areas of childhood psychology through addressing the most relevant psychological trends. Special attention will be paid to the role of the relational, contextual and cultural aspects implicated in the development of psychological skills during the early years of life.

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

* know and critically understand the main models of psychological development, with specific reference to educational and training contexts.

***COURSE CONTENT***

The following themes will be covered during the course:

– the reference models of child psychology: Piaget, Vygotskij, Bruner;

– the role of socio-contextual and relational-affective factors in psychological development;

– the development of the mind theory.

***READING LIST***

O. Liverta Sempio (a cura di). *Vygotskij, Piaget, Bruner*, Raffaello Cortina, Milan, 1998.

A. Marchetti-D. Massaro, *Capire la mente. La psicologia ingenua del bambino,* Carocci, Roma, 2002.

Course slide and study material will be made available by the lecturer on Blackboard platform.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Lectures and some exercises/group works on the learning material furnished by the lecturer.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

The oral exam will be preceded by a written exam that consists in multiple choice questions. Assessment will aim to ascertain students' knowledge and understanding of the topics covered. In particular, students will be assessed on their command of the most significant theoretical orientations in the field of child psychology, the quality of their arguments, and their use of specific terminology.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

There are no prerequisites for attending the course.

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG or on the Faculty notice board.