**A brief description of the KAM’s focus**

KAM II allows students to explore human development from a variety of perspectives, including those defined by biology, anthropology, and psychology. These perspectives define how our social and cultural environment (e.g., race, nationality, ethnicity, social class, gender, sexual orientation, disability, etc.) influences human development in a multicultural society.

The KAM is meant to develop and demonstrate advanced knowledge of the processes of physiological, emotional, social, and intellectual aspects of human development from infancy through maturation to adulthood. The developmental roles of both heredity and multiple environments throughout the lifecycle may be examined, compared, and contrasted in this module. This knowledge is to be demonstrated by way of three types of competencies that underlie the scientific process – theory, research, and applications, as further explained below:

**Breadth**

Theory is about explanation. This section requires a 30-page critical and comparative examination of a full range of classical and contemporary psychological, socio-biological, and symbolic interaction theories of human development: How have different scholars explained human development? Which aspects of human development they have considered more or less important? What factors and forces have they identified as the key independent variables in various aspects of human development? Etc.

**Depth**

This section requires (1) demonstration of knowledge of the current human development research as reflected in an annotated bibliography of at least 15 recently published journal articles; and (2) the ability to use theoretical concepts and models discussed in breadth as well as in the annotated bibliography to analyze in a 25-page essay the causes and consequences of one or more human development aspect(s), issue(s) or problem(s) of interest to you as a scholar and practitioner.
Application

This section is about applied dimensions of knowledge gained from the breadth and depth components. Here, you are required to design and develop a 20-25 page project that would address a specific real-life or hypothetical human development issue or problem that you may be interested in as a scholar, a caregiver, a counselor, or trainer.

Note: Please try to clearly demarcate the demonstrations as explained above for each component in order to avoid redundancy between breadth, depth, and application, at the same time that you construct the entire KAM as an integrated document on the subject matter discussed. The document must correspond to the Walden approved APA form and style manual, along with appropriate table of contents and references separately for each section.

Startup references


