

Psychology 28: Cognition

Course Syllabus, Spring 2013

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What is this course about?

This course is an introduction to human cognition. We will cover cognitive abilities such as attention, memory, language, and decision making.

What book should I buy?

Reisberg, Cognition: Exploring the Science of the Mind, 5th Edition

What kind of exams should I expect?

Exams will be multiple choice. Yes, that sucks. With a high enrollment, there is no reasonable way to administer and score essay exams.

How will I be graded?

25% Exam I (covers ~ first third of course)
25% Exam II (covers ~ second third of course)
40% Final Exam (covers entire course)
10% Stuff

What the #@%^\$ is Stuff?

“Stuff” is a smorgasbord of short assignments, in-class quizzes, on-line quizzes (if I can get them to work), etc. “Stuff” is a way to reward people for attending class and keeping up with the course work. “Stuff” will be credit/no credit. You will accumulate “Stuff points” as you complete the stuff.

What if I am sick or can't make it to class? What if I miss some stuff?

As a courtesy, please let me know in advance if you know you will be missing a class. This is especially important if you will be absent for an exam. If you become sick or ill, call or email me and seek medical attention. Unless you notify me in advance, or have a valid reason for missing class, you will forfeit any “Stuff points” for that day.

Schedule:**Week 1**

Mon, Mar. 25	Get syllabus, discuss logistics	
Wed, Mar. 27	History and cognitive neuroscience	Chpt. 1 & 2
Fri, March 29	Object Recognition	Chpt. 3

Week 2

Mon, April 1	Attention	Chpt. 4
Wed, April 3	Attention Again	
Fri, April 5	Disorders of Attention	

Week 3

Mon, April 8	Short-term Memory	Chpt. 5
Wed, April 10	EXAM 1	
Fri, April 12	Multiple Memory Systems	

Week 4

Mon, April 15	Amnesia	
Wed, April 17	Research Participation Day	
Fri, April 19	NO CLASS	

Week 5

Mon, April 22	NO CLASS	
Wed, April 24	Long Term Memory	Chpt. 6
Fri, April 26	False memory	Chpt. 7

Week 6		
Mon, April 29	Memory and Imagery	Chpt. 10

Wed, May 1 Semantic Organization Chpt. 8

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Fri, May 3 Categorization Chpt. 8

Week 7
Mon, May 6 EXAM 2

Wed, May 8 Language Chpt. 9

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Thurs, May 9 Language and the Brain

Fri, May 10 Judgment Day Chpt. 11

Week 8
Mon, May 13 NO CLASS

Wed, May 15 Research Participation 2

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Fri, May 17 NO CLASS (Green Key)

Week 9		
Mon, May 20	Decision Making	Chpt. 1

Week 10
Mon, May 27 NO CLASS (Memorial Day)

Wed, May 29 Consciousness Chpt. 13

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Fri, May 31 FINAL EXAM, 3:00

Please note: Any student with a documented disability needing academic adjustments or accommodations is requested to speak with me by the end of the second week of the term (Friday, April 5). All discussions will remain confidential, although the Academic Skills Center may be consulted to verify the

documentation of the disability.