

LEARNING OUTCOMES: As a result of taking this course, students will be able to

- demonstrate fundamental knowledge and comprehension of major concepts, theoretical perspectives and empirical findings in the areas of evolutionary psychology, brain and behavior, sensation and perception, consciousness, learning, memory, and cognition
- discuss how principles discussed in these areas enable the understanding of psychological phenomena
- incorporate sociocultural factors in their explanations of psychological phenomena
- demonstrate basic level understanding of various research methods used in scientific investigations of psychological phenomena
- apply their knowledge of basic research methodology to critically evaluate psychological research

TRANSFERABILITY: UA, UC, UL, AU, GMU, BU, CUE, KUC, LC

***Warning:** Although we strive to make the transferability information in this document up-to-date and accurate, **the student has the final responsibility for ensuring the transferability of this course to Alberta Colleges and Universities.** Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at Alberta Transfer Guide at <http://transferalberta.alberta.ca/transfer-alberta-search/#/audienceTypeStep>

**** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.**

EVALUATIONS:

1. 4 Quizzes—total = 20%
2. Midterm Exam = 30 %; Final Exam = 35%
3. Attendance/Participation = 5 %
4. Chapter & Class Assignments—total = 10%

1. **Quizzes.** There will be four quizzes; each will be in a multiple choice format. Each quiz is worth 5%, for a total of 20%. Quiz dates are posted on page 4 of this outline. **Please refer to page 6 of this course outline for more information on missed quizzes.**
2. **Midterm and Final Exam.** The midterm and final exams will include multiple-choice and short answer questions. The multiple choice questions are taken “primarily” from the test-bank and the short answer questions will be taken primarily from the lecture material. The final exam will not be cumulative; it will cover material from after the midterm to the end of term. The midterm is worth 30% and final exam are worth 35% each. Exam dates are posted on page 4 of this outline. **Please refer to pages 6 of this outline for more information on missing the midterm or final exam.**

2. **Participation/Attendance.** Student input during lectures is enthusiastically welcomed and strongly encouraged. There are a variety of ways that you can contribute to the lectures, such as asking relevant questions, making insightful comments during the lectures, contributing to discussion during group work. Attendance will be taken every class. Attendance may be taken more than once during a class period. **Please note that in my courses, students who miss more than 10% of classes without an acceptable excuse may be debarred from writing the final exam.**

3. **Chapter Assignments.** There will be 8 multiple choice chapter assignments, each comprised of questions taken from the test bank Your marks across all the assignments will be averaged. The average mark of all the assignments is worth 10% of your overall grade. These assignments will be posted on Moodle and you will answer the questions on Moodle. Soft and Hard deadlines for each assignment will be announced in class and indicated on Moodle.

GRADING CRITERION

Alpha Grade	4-Pt Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Designation
A+	4.0	97 - 100	Excellent
A	4.0	94-96	
A-	3.7	90-93	First Class Standing
B+	3.3	85-89	
B	3.0	80-84	Good
B-	2.7	75-79	
C+	2.3	70-74	Satisfactory
C	2.0	65-69	
C-	1.7	60 - 64	
D+	1.3	55 - 59	Poor
D	1.0	50 - 54	Minimal Pass at GPRC
F	0.0	0 - 49	Fail –no credit received
WF	0.0		Fail—withdrawal after deadline

Please note that the grading criterion outlined in the calendar is a guideline and may vary from class to class.

TENTATIVE LECTURE SCHEDULE

	TOPIC	REQUIRED READINGS	*Moodle Deadline 11:59 P.M.
JANUARY 7	True False Questions	-	
JANUARY 7	Introduction to Psychology	Chapter 1	JAN 13
JANUARY 14	Research Methods in Psychology	Chapter 2	JAN 13
JANUARY 21	QUIZ 1 (CHPTS 1 & 2)		
JANUARY 21	Biopsychology	Chapter 3	JAN 20
JANUARY 28	No Class		
FEBRUARY 4	States of Consciousness	Chapter 4	FEB 3
FEBRUARY 4	QUIZ 2 (CHPTS 3 & 4)		
FEBRUARY 11	MIDTERM (CHPTS 1 TO 4)		
FEBRUARY 17 - 21	Reading Week-No class		
FEBRUARY 25/MARCH 3	Sensation and Perception	Chapter 5	FEB 24
MARCH 10/17	Learning	Chapter 6	MAR 9
MARCH 24	QUIZ 3 (CHPTS 5 & 6)		
MARCH 24/31	Thinking & Intelligence	Chapter 7	MAR 23
MARCH 31/7	Memory	Chapter 8	MAR 30
APRIL 7	QUIZ 4 (CHPTS 7 & 8)		
**BETWEEN APRIL 15 & 25	FINAL EXAM (CHPTS 5 TO 8)		

* The deadlines listed above are the dates when the Moodle assignments will be closed (at 11:59 p.m.—i.e., one minute before midnight). The assignments will **NOT** be reopened after the deadlines have passed.)

**The date of the final exam will be set by Student Services some time between April 15th and April 25th inclusive. Activities such as holidays or employment during this period are not considered excusable reasons for missing a final exam. Students who chose to miss a final exam for employment, holiday, or similar reasons may receive a “0” on the final exam. Also note that a final exam will not be scheduled early for students who plan their holidays or other activities during the final exam period.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 14 Last day to add courses and drop courses (UT); winter fees due

Feb 17-21 Winter Break—no classes

Mar 5 Last day to withdraw classes with a “W”

April 13 Last day of classes

April 15-25 Final Exam Period

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:



1. CELLPHONES, COMPUTERS/TABLETS ETC. ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THIS CLASS---NO EXCEPTIONS

Keep your cellphones in your bag. If you use your phone during class for texting or for other activities, I reserve the right to remove your cell phone for the duration of the class or to ask you to leave the classroom.

Computers are not allowed, except for those with special needs who require it for note taking purposes. You need to clear the use of computers with me first. Computers will be disallowed completely for students who are found to be using their computer during the lecture for out-of-class activities.

If you have problems meeting these expectations, I will be happy to assist you.

Bottom line—you are expected to pay attention in class, whether it be attending to me while I am lecturing/answering student questions, or to another student who is speaking to the class.

2. LECTURE ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES: COME ON TIME AND STAY IN CLASS; deal with eating/drinking/bathroom needs before/after class. Classes are only 80 minutes long, so this expectation should be easy to manage; if you have a medical condition that challenges this expectation, please let me know. Arriving late and leaving during class is EXTREMELY DISTRACTING. **STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE CLASS DURING EXAMS.**

Students are held accountable for all lecture materials and readings. It is your responsibility to keep up with class work. Therefore, you are expected to attend all lectures. Attendance will be taken every class.

If you are absent from a class, all missed material is to be obtained by approaching a fellow student, not the instructor. It would be very unfair for students who miss lectures to be advantaged by getting the instructor's notes. Typically, the quality of note-taking by students is quite variable. Therefore, if you miss a lecture and need to rely on another student as a source for the missed lecture material, it is advised that you **pick your sources very carefully.**

If you are missing a class for excusable reasons (e.g., illness, appointment) and wish to avoid having your attendance/participation grade docked, please email me at ckorpan@gprc.ab.ca. Write "**Absence from Developmental Psych Class**" in the subject box and provide your explanation in the email. Please be aware that I may ask for documentation.

3. Other Responsibilities

You are also expected to prepare for each lecture by reading the assigned chapters and handouts. Students who prepare for lectures learn and perform much better than students who do not prepare.

Although the instructor feels that all the material in the text book is important and interesting, **limited class time prevents discussion of all the material covered in the text.** You are responsible for learning textbook material (assigned chapters only) that is not discussed in class. Please feel free to approach me outside of class if you wish to get clarification on this material.

Missed Quizzes/Exams

Dates for the quizzes and midterm are included on page 4 of this course outline. **Quizzes that are missed for any reason will not be rescheduled.** If a student misses a quiz due to **verified** illness, dentistry, accident, emergency, or GPRC obligations (e.g., you are away due to the requirements of another course) the **weight of the quiz will be transferred to the midterm (Quizzes 1/2) or final exam (Quizzes 3/4).** If a student misses a quiz for reasons that do not include verified illness, dentistry, accident, or emergency, then a "0" (zero) will be assigned to that quiz. Holidays, employment, etc. are not considered to be excusable reasons to miss any exam in this course. Missing a quiz without explanation from the student will result in a "0" on that quiz.

Students who miss a midterm because of illness, dentistry, accident, or emergency (verified) must write the midterm at another date (set by me—I will choose a date that is mutually convenient). **I will NOT transfer the weight of the midterm to the final, as this practice will not allow me to adequately assess student learning of the first half of the course.** When students miss the midterm for reasons that do not include verified illness, dentistry, accident, or emergency, a "0" is assigned to that the midterm. Students who miss the midterm without explanation will receive a "0" on the midterm.

Absences from a registrar-scheduled Final Exam fall under GPRC Examination Policy. It is the responsibility of the student to be informed about these policies prior to the final examination period. If the final exam is missed due to illness, you will be required to submit an application to the Registrar's office for permission to write a deferred exam and must do so within 48 hours of the scheduled exam time. You may defer the final exam for up to 20 days of the end of the examination period. **You will be required to provide documentation for your illness.**



Student Conduct

It is expected that all students will display respectful attitude and behaviours in the classroom. This includes coming to class on time and leaving without disruption to others. Also expected is attention to the instructor and fellow students during discussions of topics relevant to the course. Disrespect will not be tolerated. Examples of disrespectful behaviour include talking while the instructor or fellow students are discussing course material, making rude, destructive comments, reading the newspaper, putting your feet up on the desk, putting your head down on the desk for a nap, and so on. Also, unless you are awaiting a call about something of a very very very very serious nature, **TURN OFF YOUR CELLPHONE**. Phones that ring during lectures cause a lot of distraction. Furthermore, people answering these calls during class cause even more distraction. Loving to listen to music is wonderful, but **LISTEN TO YOUR MUSIC OUTSIDE OF CLASS**. Instructors and other students can often hear the music which creates a distraction. Furthermore, such behaviour is disrespectful to instructors. **AS STATED EARLIER, TEXTING, FACEBOOKING, PLAYING COMPUTER GAMES, CHECKING EMAILS, DOING ASSIGNMENTS FOR THIS COURSE AND OTHER COURSES, ETC. DURING CLASSTIME ARE NOT ALLOWED**. These types of expectations are based on common sense—you cannot learn the course material while engaging in these activities. Furthermore, research indicates that those around you are negatively affected by such activities. Finally, such activities are blatantly disrespectful. **Students unable to meet these expectations will be required to leave the class in the interest of preserving the learning opportunities of other students**. Please refer to the college calendar for more information regarding the conduct expected of students

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. For a more precise definition of plagiarism and its consequences, refer to the section on Plagiarism and Cheating in the College policy titled Student Misconduct: Academic and Non-Academic at (<https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/fetch.php?ID=68>).

Instructors reserve the right to use electronic plagiarism detection services on written assignments. **Instructors also reserve the right to ban the use of any form of electronics (cell phones, Blackberries, iPods, tablets, scanning pens, electronic dictionaries, etc.) during class and during exams.**

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available at <https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/>

Additional Information:

Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy: Please refer to college's website <https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/> to access this link.

Friendship Centre: The Friendship Centre at Grande Prairie Regional College provides a space for all students to meet, do homework, retrieve or leave messages, obtain community resources material, or just relax. The on-campus Friendship Centre is available for sharing circles, gatherings, study groups, and tutoring sessions. Everyone is welcome.

Campus Security: You should be aware that GPRC is no safer than the rest of Grande Prairie. Attacks on campus, as well as theft and vandalism have been occurring with increasing frequency. For your safety, Campus Security will provide a 24-hour Safe Walk service anywhere on campus. Call 780-539-2700 or use the blue phones on campus.

Learning Support Centre: The Learning Support Centre is available to all students who wish to improve their academic skills and ability to learn. Students can receive help with their writing (essay structure, grammar, formatting), as well as with math and science problems. Workshops on exam anxiety, study skills, noting taking, and other important skills are also offered here. The Learning Centre is in the Library.