

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, EDUCATION AND COMMERCE
COURSE OUTLINE - WINTER 1995

COURSE:

PY2580A3 Cognitive Psychology. M,W,F 14.00-14.50

INSTRUCTOR:

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Office Hours; M,W, 1.00-1.50; F, 11.00-11.50.

TEXTS:

Benjafield, J. G. (1992). Cognition. Englewoods Cliffs NJ:
Prentice Hall.

Additional readings will be placed on reserve in the library.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:

PY2580 provides a general introduction to the field of cognitive psychology.

The primary objective of the course is to introduce the basic theoretical concepts and relevant research findings in traditional topics such as attention and memory, and in "higher" processes such as creativity and intelligence.

Course material will be presented via a combination of lectures, seminars, and demonstrations.

EVALUATION:

Four exams will cover required reading and material covered in class. Dates for 1-3 are provided in the timetable overleaf. Exam 4 will be scheduled by the registrar.

Exams 1 and 3 will cover approximately the first and third quarters of the course. Exams 2 and 4 will cover all preceding material. All exams will consist of a combination of multiple choice and questions requiring written answers.

Students have the option of completing an assignment for credit. This will be worth 15% of the final grade, and the exam results will be scaled down to 85% of the final grade. See me for discussion of options (e.g., article critique, paper).

The following weights will apply:

Exam #1	10%
Exam #2	30%
Exam #3	20%
Exam #4	40%

Final grades will be given on a nine-point scale:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE EQUIVALENCE</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>
9	90-100	
8	80-89	Excellent
7	72-79	
6	65-71	Good
5	57-64	
4	50-56	Pass
3	45-49	Fail
2	26-44	
1	0-25	

TIMETABLE:

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC AND CHAPTERS</u>	
Jan	2	Introduction	1
	9	Theoretical perspectives	2
	16	Attention & perception	3
	23	Memory structures	4, 5
	30	Memory systems	#1 6
Feb	6	Mnemonics & Expertise	
	13	Imagery	#2 7
	20	CANADA WINTER GAMES	
	27	CANADA WINTER GAMES	
Mar	6	Problem-solving/reasoning	8, 9
	13	Language	11
	20	CONFERENCE	
	27	Intelligence	#3 12
Apr	3	Creativity	12
	10	Cognition and Emotion	13
	17	Person perception	13

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

There is no formal policy on attendance in this course. Students are, however, strongly recommended to attend regularly, and are expected to become acquainted with in-class course announcements and complete assigned readings.