

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, EDUCATION AND COMMERCE
COURSE OUTLINE - WINTER 1996

COURSE:

PY2580A3 Cognitive Psychology (AU PSYC 455).

Wednesday, 6.30-9.20 p.m.

INSTRUCTOR:

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TEXTS:

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

Additional readings will be placed on reserve in the LRC.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:

PY2580 provides an introduction to cognitive psychology. Topics include an introduction to major theoretical perspectives; perception and attention; memory structures and processes; imagery and mnemonics; problem-solving, reasoning, and decision-making; language; intelligence and creativity; cognition and emotion; person perception.

The primary objective of the course is to introduce the basic theoretical concepts and relevant research findings in each topic covered.

EVALUATION:

Five exams will cover required reading and material covered in class. Dates are provided in the timetable overleaf.

Exams 1, 2, 3 and 5 will cover all preceding material. Exam 4 will cover all material since the preceding exam. 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	5%
Exam #2	20%
Exam #3	30%
Exam #4	15%
Exam #5	30%

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

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE EQUIVALENC</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 10	Introduction	1
17	Theoretical perspectives	2
24	Attention & perception #1	3
31	Memory structures	4,5
Feb 7	Memory systems #2	6
14	Imagery & Mnemonics	7
21	MID-TERM #3	
28	READING BREAK	
Mar 6	Problem-solving/reasoning	8,9
13	Judgement & Choice	10
20	CONFERENCE	
27	Language #4	11
Apr 3	Intelligence & Creativity	12
10	Personal cognition	13
17	FINAL #5	