

PSYCHOLOGY 2580**COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY**

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
W 18:30 - 21:30, Room A211

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OFFICE HOURS: 11:00 - 12:00 MWF

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Psychology 2580 is a one semester introduction to cognitive psychology. The course surveys theoretical and empirical issues in human cognition. Topics include attention, memory, imagery, concepts, language, problem solving, reasoning, judgement, intelligence, and social cognition.

PREREQUISITE: Psychology 1040 and Psychology 2110, or equivalent.

EVALUATION PROCEDURES:

There will be two mixed type (both essay and multiple choice questions) examinations. The Midterm Exam is tentatively scheduled for February 19, and will determine 30% of each student's mark. The Final Examination in April (14 - 22, TBA) will count 40%, and a library research paper due April 3 will determine 30%.

Final Marks in percentage will be converted to stanine as follows:

outstanding	9	90-100%
excellent	8	80-89%
very good	7	72-79%
good	6	65-71%
fair	5	58-64%
pass	4	50-57%
fail	3	46-49%
fail	2	35-45%
fail	1	0-34%

TEXTS:

Benjafield, John G. Cognition, 2nd Ed. Toronto: Prentice Hall, 1997.

Class time will be taken up by lectures, films and discussions. While students are expected to read the text outside class, there will be ample opportunity to ask questions during class. Students are accountable for lectures delivered and for any announcements made in class. If a student is unable to attend a particular class, it is her/his responsibility to find out what was missed. If a student is unable to write the Final Exam at the scheduled time, he/she must both notify the instructor, and submit an application to the Registrar's Office for permission to write a deferred exam (see the college calendar about deferred exams). **Class attendance and final grades are positively correlated.**

TENTATIVE TIMETABLE:

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>
Jan. 8	Introduction	Chapter 1
Jan. 15	Theories and history	Chapter 2
Jan. 22	Attention	Chapter 3
Jan. 29	Memory I	Chapter 4
Feb. 5	Memory II	Chapter 5
Feb. 12	Imagery and Cognitive Maps	Chapter 6
Feb. 19	Midterm Exam & Concepts	Chapter 7
Winter Break Feb. 24 - 28		
March 5	Language	Chapter 8
March 12	Problem Solving	Chapter 9
March 19	Reasoning	Chapter 10
March 26	Judgement & Choice	Chapter 11
April 2	Intelligence & Creativity	Chapter 12
Research paper due April 2		
April 9	Personal Cognition	Chapter 13
Final Examinations to be announced between April 10 and 22		