

Grande Prairie Regional College
Psychology 1040 (Section B2): Tuesday & Thursday 11:30-1:00
Basic Psychological Processes
Fall Term September-December 2007

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Course Credit Hours: 3 (UT: Alberta)
Student Contact: 3 hours per week
Prerequisites: None
Uni. Transfer: UA, UC, UL, AU, CU, CUC, KUC
Mode of Delivery: Lectures & VC

IMPORTANT: Please remember this is a university course and you are a university student.

Textbooks:

- Gazzaniga, M. S., Heatherton, T. F. (2006). Psychological Science (2nd Edition). W. W. Norton & Company, New York.
- The accompanying Study Guide is highly recommended
- Publication Manual of the APA will be on reserve in College Library

Course Description:

This is an introductory course in psychology with emphasis on biological processes that are associated with psychological experiences. It presents an overview of the basic relationship between psychological and biological processes. Principles and development of perception, motivation, brain and behaviour relationships, learning and thinking and their significance to the psychological functioning of the individual will be explored. The theoretical as well as the practical aspects of these processes will be addressed. By understanding the various biological mechanisms that govern the various psychological processes you will have an appreciation for and an understanding of the field of Psychology and its various disciplines. This course, in conjunction with Psychology 1050, provides the foundation for more specific and advanced level courses in Psychology.

Additional Information:

1. The format of each exam will be discussed in class.
2. Exam grades are final and there is no substitute work for your poor exam grade.
3. The nature and topics of your written paper will be discussed in class
4. It is your responsibility to read each and every chapter and assigned reading (if any) and attend all lectures.
5. Lectures will not always cover material in your chapters. Lectures may cover topics and include materials that are not covered by your textbook. It is therefore imperative that you attend every class as your exams may include materials from the lectures that are not covered by your textbook.
6. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. You should consult the section on cheating and plagiarism of current GPRC calendar.

7. It is expected that students will display a professional attitude and behaviour. These attitudes and behaviours are many and will be discussed in class. Any violation or misconduct may result in dismissal from the class.

8. Talk to me if you have concerns or you are experiencing difficulties that may have negative impact on your academic performance.

Evaluations

Exam 1	Chapters 1 & 2	20%
Exam 2	Chapters 3 & 4	20%
Exam 3	Chapters 5 & 6	20%
Final Exam	Chapters 7 & 8	25%
One article review		10%
Reflective paper		05%

* The nature of written review and paper will be discussed in class.

* The final exam is **Comprehensive** but greater emphasis will be placed on chapters 7 & 8

* Remember, all exams may include questions from lectures that may not be covered by your textbook.

Grading System:

Please note that Universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**. This means **DO NOT GET LESS THAN “C-” IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO TRANSFER TO UNIVERSITY.**

A+	4.0	95-100
A	4.0	90-94
A-	3.7	85-89
B+	3.3	80-84
B	3.0	75-79
B-	2.7	70-74
C+	2.3	65-69
C	2.0	60-64
C-	1.7	55-59
D+	1.3	53-54
D	1.0	50-52
F	0.0	00-49

TIMETABLE: PY1040-B2, Fall 2007

*Please note that the dates and the sequence of chapters are tentative and may change.

Week	Dates	Topics	Evaluation
Week 1	September 6	Chapter 1: Introduction to Psychological Science	
Week 2	September 11 September 13	Chapter 2: Research Methodology	
Week 3	September 18 September 20	Chapter 2: Research Methodology	
Week 4	September 25 September 27	Chapter 3: Genetic & Biological Foundations Test1	E1 18%: Ch 1, 2
Week 5	October 2 October 4	Chapter 3: Genetic & Biological Foundations Chapter 4: The Brain & Consciousness	
Week 6	October 9 October 11	Chapter 4: The Brain & Consciousness	
Week 7	October 16 October 18	Chapter 4: The Brain & Consciousness	
Week 8	October 23 October 25	Test 2 Chapter 5: Sensation, Perception, and Attention	E2 18%: Ch 3 & 4
Week 9	October 30 November 1	Chapter 5: Sensation, Perception, and Attention	
Week 10	November 6 November 8	Chapter 6: Learning & Reward	
Week 11	November 13 November 15	Chapter 6: Learning & Reward Test 3	E3 18%: Ch 5 & 6
Week 12	November 20 November 22	Chapter 7: Memory Chapter 7: Memory	
Week 13	December 4 December 6	Chapter 7: Memory Chapter 8: Thinking & Intelligence	
Week 14		Chapter 8: Thinking & Intelligence	
	December		
Final Exams Week		No Classes. Final Exam Period	E4 26% comprehensive Final Exams are Scheduled by the Registrar Office