



**PSYCHOLOGY 1040 B2 (3-0-0) UT 45 hours**  
**Basic Psychological Processes**  
**Transfers to all AU, UC, UL, AU, AF, CU, CUC, KUC**  
**as a 3 credit Psychology course.**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:30-12:50 E306A**  
**Fall 2008**

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**Textbook:** Gazzaniga, M. S., & Heatherton, T.F. (2006) Psychological Science, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., W.W. Norton & Co.

**Delivery:** Lecture & Videoconference

**Prerequisites:** None

**Course Objectives**

This course will introduce you to the scientific field of psychology, focusing primarily on the biological aspects of human behavior and thought. Principles and development of perception, motivation, brain and behavior relations, learning and thinking and their significance to psychological functioning of the individual are some topics that will be explored. This course is designed to expose you to established psychological research findings and to help prepare you to be evaluate new, cutting-edge research that they may encounter in the media.

**Student Evaluation**

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

## Assignments and Grading

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%.

Please refer to pages 4 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 and final exam are worth 35% each.

Please refer to pages 4 for more information on missing the midterm or final exam.

3. **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 is taken during each class. Attendance and participation is taken into account when a student’s final grade fall near the boundary between 2 letter grades (e.g., 89%--between a B+ and A-). Students with good attendance and participation and whose grade is near the boundary could have their grade bumped up, depending on the degree of attendance and participation. Students who have poor attendance and participation and whose grade is at a boundary will not be bumped up (nor will they be bumped down). Please refer to page 3 & 4 on information regarding excessive unexcused absences.
4. **Chapter Assignments.** There will be 10 multiple choice chapter assignments, each comprised of questions taken from Gazzaniga et.al. 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.

## Grading

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

\* An “A+” is considered a 4.0 when calculated into the GPA, but a 4.3 for scholarship applications.

\*\* At GPRC, a “D” is considered a minimal pass and will *normally* meet the requirements for the next level of study . **However, other post-secondary institutions may not grant credit for D or D+ (i.e., grades below C- may not be given credit). Furthermore, some institutions accept D for transfer credit, but may not allow students to use the course as a prerequisite for other courses. Therefore, if you receive a D or D+ in any of your courses, it is strongly advised that you check the requirements of your transfer institution to see if they will consider a D or D+ sufficient for credit or as a prerequisite for other courses.**

### **Exam Schedule**

October 7	Quiz 1 (Chapters 1, 2)
October 28	Quiz 2 (Chapters 3, 4)
October 30	Midterm Exam (Chapters 1-4)
November 13	Quiz 3 (Chapters 5, 6)
December 4	Quiz 4 (Chapters 7, 8)
*bet. Dec 10-19	Final Exam (Chapters 5 - 8)

\* The college sets the date for the final exams.

### **Other Important Dates**

Sept 10	Last day to <u>add</u> fall and full-year courses
Sept 12	Last day to <u>drop</u> courses without paying tuition for the dropped courses
Sept 30	Last day to pay tuition without paying a penalty for late payment
Oct 13	Thanksgiving—No Classes
Nov 6	Last day to withdraw from courses with permission (without failure) or changing course status Withdrawal from any course this date may result in a failing grade because a mark of 0% will be assigned to the incomplete portion of the course work.
Nov 10	Fall Break—No Classes
Dec 8	Last Day Of classes

## **Student Responsibilities**

Independent learning is a valuable skill that instructors at Grande Prairie Regional College wish to foster in their students.

### **Lecture Attendance/Absences**

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.

**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.**

Please note that according to GPRC policy, instructors reserve the right to **request that a student be barred from writing the final exam** when the student has accumulated **more than 10% (2-3 classes) unexcused absences.** Absences will be excused on the basis of verified illness, dentistry, accident, or emergency. Holidays, employment, and other such activities, are not considered to be excusable reasons to miss classes. Please note that part of your class participation mark is based on your attendance. Attendance will be taken regularly.

## **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 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 final exam.** 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 any quiz without explanation from the student will result in a "0" on that quiz.

According to GPRC policy, deferring a missed **Midterm Exam** is at the discretion of the instructor. In my courses, students who miss a midterm because of illness, dentistry, accident, or emergency (verified) may write the midterm at a later date (set by me—I will chose a date that is mutually convenient). 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. A description of the policy is available in the GPRC Calendar and in the Student Handbook. Just to remind you, **final exams begin December 10 and end December 19. These dates are posted in the calendar and thus have been available to GPRC students for several months. Therefore, activities such as holidays or employment during this period are not considered excusable reasons for missing the final. Students who chose to miss the final exam for employment, holiday, or similar reasons will receive a "0" on the final. Also note that the final exam will not be scheduled early for students who plan their holidays or other activities during the final exam 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. (Please see the College Calendar)

## **Student Conduct**

It is expected that all students will display a respectful attitude and behaviour 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 when they are discussing material 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!!!!!!**. Students unable to meet these expectations will be required to leave the class in the interest of preserving the learning opportunities of other students.

## **For Your Information...**

**Friendship Centre:** Remember that 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 539-2700 or use the blue phones on campus.