

Grande Prairie Regional College
Psychology 1040 (Section N2): Monday 11:30-1:00 & Friday 10:00-11:30
Basic Psychological Processes
Fall Term September-December 2008

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Course Credit: 3
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. It presents an overview of the basic Psychological processes. The theoretical as well as the practical aspects of these processes will be addressed. By understanding the various 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 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%
Class Participation, Attendance, & Reflective Paper		5%

* The nature of written reviews 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-N2, Fall 2008

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

Week	Dates	Topics	Evaluation
Week 1	September 5	Chapter 1: Introduction to Psychological Science	
Week 2	September 8 September 12	Chapter 2: Research Methodology	
Week 3	September 15 September 19	Chapter 2: Research Methodology	
Week 4	September 22 September 26	Chapter 3: Genetic & Biological Foundations Chapter 3: Genetic & Biological Foundations	
Week 5	September 30 October 3	Test1 Chapter 4: The Brain & Consciousness	E1 20%: Ch 1, 2
Week 6	October 6 October 10	Chapter 4: The Brain & Consciousness	
Week 7	October 13 October 17	Holiday Chapter 4: The Brain & Consciousness	
Week 8	October 20 October 24	Chapter 5: Sensation, Perception, and Attention	
Week 9	October 27 October 31	Chapter 5: Sensation, Perception, and Attention	
Week 10	November 3 November 11	Test 2 Chapter 6: Learning & Reward	E2 20%: Ch 3 & 4
Week 11	November 10 November 14	Chapter 6: Learning & Reward	
Week 12	November 17 November 21	Chapter 7: Memory Chapter 7: Memory	
Week 13	November 24 November 28	Test 3 Chapter 7: Memory	E3 20%: Ch 5 & 6
Week 14	December 1 December 5 December 8	Chapter 8: Thinking & Intelligence	
Final Exams Week	December 9-21	No Classes. Final Exam Period	E4 26% comprehensive Final Exams are Scheduled by the Registrar Office