

Registrar

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
COURSE OUTLINE - FALL 1993

COURSE: Psychology 1040
Basic Psychological Processes

PY1040 C2 Tues/Thurs 1.30-2.50
PY1040 H2 Wed 6.30-9.20

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. B. McConnell
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Office Hours: Mon 10.00-10.50
Wed 4.00-4.50
Fri 2.00-2.50

TEXT: Bootzin, R. R. et al (1991). Psychology today: An introduction (7th ed). New York: McGraw-Hill.
Paulk, D. (1991). Study guide to accompany Psychology Today. (Highly Recommended)
Duffy, K. G. (Ed) (1993). Annual editions: Psychology 93/94. Guilford CT: Dushkin. (Suggested)

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:

PY1040 provides an introduction to five areas within psychology: the nature of contemporary psychology; biological bases of behaviour; learning and cognition; emotion and motivation; and lifespan development.

The primary objective of the course is to introduce students to the basic terminology, theoretical concepts, and important research findings in each of these areas.

EVALUATION:

There are two quizzes and two exams in this course. They are designed to test both factual and conceptual learning, and will cover material presented in class and in required text-book readings.

The quiz dates will be announced in class, each will cover the first and third quarters of the course respectively, and each will be 100% multiple-choice.

The midterm and final exams will occur during the exam periods scheduled by the registrar, both will consist of a combination of multiple-choice questions and questions requiring written answers, and both will cover all preceding course material.

The following weights will apply:

Quiz #1	10%
Quiz #2	15%
Midterm	30%
Final	45%

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

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE EQUIVALENCE</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	
2	26-44	
1	0-25	Fail

TIMETABLE:

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC AND CHAPTER</u>	
Week beginning	Sept 6	Course introduction	
	13	Intro to Psychology	(1)
	20	Psychological Methods	(2)
	27	Brain & Behaviour	(3)
	Oct 4	Sensation/Perception Q1	(4,5)
	11	Consciousness	(6)
	18	Learning	(7)
	25	Memory M/T	(8)
	Nov 1	Cognition	(9)
	8	Language	(10)
	15	Emotion	(12)
	22	Motivation Q2	(13)
	29	Infancy & Childhood	(15)
	Dec 6	Adolescence & Adulthood	(16)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

With the exception of examinations, there is no formal policy on attendance in this course. Students are, however, strongly recommended to attend regularly, and are expected to acquaint themselves with in-class course announcements, such as exam dates.

Students who miss quizzes or exams due to illness will be permitted a re-write after presentation of a medical certificate.