

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

**COURSE:** Psychology 1040 (Formerly PY260)  
Basic psychological processes

Psychology 1040    A211    Monday    18:30 - 21:20

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**TEXT:** Bootzin, R.R. et al (1991). Psychology Today: An Introduction  
(7th Edition). New York: McGraw-Hill. (Required).

Paulk, D. (1991). Study guide to accompany Psychology Today.  
(Highly Recommended).

Duffy, K.G. (Ed) (1992). Annual Editions: Psychology 92/93.  
Guildford CT: Dushkin. (Suggested).

**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:**

Psychology 1040 provides a general introduction into the field of psychology. More specifically it provides an introduction into the following five areas:

- 1) The nature and methods of present day psychology.
- 2) The biological bases of behaviour.
- 3) Learning, thinking and communication.
- 4) Emotion and motivation.
- 5) Developmental psychology.

The main object of this course is to provide the student with an introduction to the basic theoretical concepts, terminology, and important research findings in each of these five areas. By the end of his course the student should have developed a clear understanding of basic psychological concepts and processes.

## EVALUATION:

There will be four quizzes and one final exam in this course. These evaluations will cover both text-book readings and material presented in class. The quiz dates will be announced in class, and each of the quizzes will be 100% multiple choice. The final exam will occur during the exam periods scheduled by the registrar and will consist of a combination of multiple-choice questions and questions requiring written answers.

The following weights will apply:

Quiz #1	15%
Quiz #2	15%
Quiz #3	15%
Quiz #4	15%
Final Exam	40%

Final 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>	
Jan 11	Introduction to Psychology	(1)
Jan 18	Psychological Methods	(2)
Jan 25	Brain and Behaviour	(3)
Feb 1	Learning (Quiz #1)	(7)
Feb 8	Memory/Cognition	(8,9)
Mar 1	Sensation/Perception (Quiz #2)	(4,5)
Mar 8	Consciousness	(6)
Mar 15	Language (Quiz #3)	(10)
Mar 22	Emotion	(12)
Mar 29	Motivation	(13)
Apr 5	Infancy and Childhood (Quiz #4)	(15)
Apr 12	Adolescence & Adulthood	(16)

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

It is strongly recommended that students make every effort to attend all of the lectures. Students are also expected to acquaint themselves with in-class course announcements. All students should feel free to see me after class if they are experiencing any difficulty at all with this course or if they would like some clarification or elaboration of particular information which was presented.