

Course Outline

PSYCHOLOGY 1040: BASIC PSYCHOLOGICAL PROCESSES
Grande Prairie Regional College through Yellowhead Regional Educational
Consortium
February-May 2002

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Class Time: Mondays 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Text: Kassin, S. (2001). Psychology (3rd Edition), Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.

This course is intended as a general introduction to psychology as a science. An overview of theoretical perspectives in psychology and basic research methods will be explored, as well as an in-depth survey of the brain and how it affects our behavior. Other topics will include such areas as consciousness, sensation and perception, learning, thinking, language, memory, and motivation. The objective of this course is to enhance your critical thinking skills that will allow you to evaluate scientific and non-scientific claims about human behavior. The hope is that you as students, armed with some of the basic principles of psychology, will be able to apply this knowledge in your everyday lives.

Students are expected to attend all classes, read the text, and participate in classroom discussions, demonstrations and experiments.

Performance Appraisal:

Homework Assignments	20%
Midterm exam	25%
Research Project	30% (Part I=10%; Part II=20%) Both parts must be submitted to obtain grade.
Final Exam	25%

Your final mark will be converted to GPRC 9-point grading system (see calendar)

YOUR PSYCHOLOGICAL SEMESTER

February 4	Chapter 1: Introduction to the course & Scientific methods
February 11	Chapter 2: Behavioral Neuroscience: Systems & Communication
February 18	FAMILY DAY NO CLASSES
February 25	Chapter 3: Sensation: Vision, hearing, touch, smell and taste

March 4	HOMWORK ASSIGNMENT #1 Chapter 3: Perception RESEARCH PROJECT (PART I)
March 11	Chapter 4 : States of Consciousness
March 18	Chapter 5: Learning: Classical and Operant Conditioning HOMWORK ASSIGNMENT #2
March 25	NO CLASSES-SPRING BREAK
April 1	REVIEW
April 8	MIDTERM EXAMINATION
April 15	Chapter 6: Memory
April 22	Chapter 7: Cognition
April 29	Chapter 7: Language
May 6	Chapter 8: Motivation
May 13	Review and Discussion RESEARCH PROJECT DUE(PART II)
May 21	FINAL EXAMINATION