

COURSE OUTLINE

PSYCHOLOGY 1040: BASIC PSYCHOLOGICAL PROCESSES*Yellowhead Regional Educational Consortium- Jasper***Instructor:** Dr. Tim Pare'**Phone:** 852-3629 (hm); 852-6616 (wk)**Address:** 806 Tonquin, P.O. Box 2172, Jasper, AB**E-Mail:** timp@telusplanet.net**Class Time:** Tuesdays 6:30-9:30 p.m.; February 8/00 - May 23/00**Text:** "PSYCHOLOGY" 1998- by Saul Kassin: Prentice Hall, NJ.

This course is intended as a general introduction to psychology. The course covers a broad area of foundational psychology issues and focuses on areas such as research methods, physiology(including the brain), biological aspects of behavior and learning. The course is structured around the book "*PSYCHOLOGY*" by Saul Kassin and we will cover the first eight chapters of this book. The second half of the book is the subject of a following course (Psychology 1050).

Although the course does require that we cover a lot of material the goal is to have time to discuss and have fun with the interesting subject matter. In order to accomplish this we will have weekly presentations by the students and a discussion at the end of each class.

Note: *To make the most of this class you are expected to attend classes regularly, read the text, and participate in classroom discussions and projects.*

Evaluation

- 1) **20% - Journal:** Keep a journal that summarizes each chapter and add any personal reactions and comments. The personal comments can be about how you liked the chapter or what it reminded you of, etc. (let yourself be creative!) Minimum of one (double spaced) page per chapter, maximum of three pages per chapter. If you prefer, the summary of the chapter can be in point form. Pass this in for marking at mid-term, April 4/00, and again at the May 16/00 class.

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- 2) 30% - **Two Mini-Projects**: Each student will be assigned two mini-projects related to chapters in the book and are expected to present these projects to the class. The presentation should be about twenty minutes long and may include handouts and/or audiovisual aids.(15% per project.)
- 4) 25% - **Midterm Exam**: This brief midterm exam will be held on April 4/00 and will include multiple choice and written short answer questions. This exam will cover the first four chapters and questions related to the lectures and students presentations.
- 5) 25% - **Final Exam**: This brief final exam will be held on May 30/00 and will include multiple choice and written short answer questions. This exam will cover chapters five through eight in the book and questions related to the lectures and students presentations.

NOTE: *The final mark will be converted to the 9-point university grading system. Ask the instructor if you would like more information about this grading system.*

Schedule for Psychology 1040

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapter/Topic</u>
Feb. 8/00	Chapter 1 - (preface to pg.17) - <u>Introduction</u> - Defining Psychology and Scientific Methods.
Feb. 15/00	Chapter 1 - (pgs. 18-35) - <u>Introduction(cont.)</u> Research Designs, Ethics, Biological vs. Sociocultural Perspectives.
Feb. 22/00	Chapter 2 - (pgs. 37-48) - <u>Behavioral Neuroscience</u> The Nervous System and the Neuron.
Feb. 29/00	Chapter 2 - (pgs. 48-75) - <u>Behavioral Neuroscience(cont.)</u> The Brain.
Mar. 7/00	Chapter 3 - (Pgs. 76-106) - <u>Sensation and Perception</u> Measuring the Sensory System and Sensation.

Mar. 14/00	<u>Chapter 3</u> - (Pgs. 106-125) - <u>Sensation and Perception(cont.)</u> Perception and Extrasensory Perception.
Mar. 21/00	<u>Chapter 4</u> - (Pgs.126-151) - <u>Consciousness</u> Attentional Processes and Sleep and Dreams.
Mar. 28/00	<u>Chapter 4</u> - (Pgs. 151-169) - <u>Consciousness(cont.)</u> Hypnosis and Consciousness Altering Drugs.
Apr. 4/00	<u>MIDTERM EXAM</u> (Multiple Choice and Short Answer) and <u>REVIEW</u>
Apr. 25/00	<u>Chapter 5</u> -(pgs. 170-205) - <u>Learning</u> Classical and Operational Conditioning and Observational Learning.
May 2/00	<u>Chapter 6</u> - (pgs. 206-253) - <u>Memory</u> Short Term Memory and Long Term Memory.
May 9/00	<u>Chapter 7</u> - (pgs. 254-291) - <u>Thought and Language</u> Solving Problems, Making Judgments and Language.
May 16/00	<u>Chapter 8</u> - (pgs. 292-323) - <u>Motivation</u> Basic Human Motives, Social Motives, Motivation at Work.
May 23/00	<u>REVIEW AND DISCUSSION</u>
May 30/00	<u>FINAL EXAM</u> - Multiple Choice and Short Answer