

**Grande Prairie Regional College**  
**Psychology 1050 (Section A3): Monday & Wednesday 8:30 - 10:00**  
**Basic Psychological Processes**  
**Winter Term January-April 2008**

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Course Credit Hours: 3 (UT: Alberta)

Student Contact: 3 hours per week

Prerequisites: None

**IMPORTANT: Please remember this is a university course and you are a university student.**

**Textbooks:**

- Gazzaniga, M. S., Heatherton, T. F. (2006). Psychological Science (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 9 & 10	20%
Exam 2	Chapters 11 & 12	20%
Exam 3	Chapters 13 & 14	20%
Final Exam	Chapters 15 & all	25%
Two article reviews		15%
Reflective paper		05%

\* The nature of written reviews and paper will be discussed in class.

\* The final exam is **Comprehensive** but greater emphasis will be placed on chapter 15

\* 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: PY1050-A3, Winter 2008**

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

Week	Dates	Topics	Evaluation
Week 1	January 7-9	Chapter 9: Motivation	
Week 2	January 14-16	Chapter 10: Emotions & Health	
Week 3	January 21-23	Chapter 11: Human Development	
Week 4	January 28-30	<b>Test1</b> Chapter 11: Human Development	<b>E1: Ch 9 &amp; 10</b>
Week 5	February 4-6	Chapter 12: Personality	
Week 6	February 11-13	Chapter 12: Personality	
Reading Break	February 18-20	<b>Holiday &amp; Reading Break</b>	
Week 7	February 25-27	Reading Break	
Week 8	March 3-5	<b>Test 2</b> Chapter 13: Disorders of Mind and Body	<b>E2: Ch 11 &amp; 12</b>
Week 9	March 10-12	Chapter 13: Disorders of Mind and Body	
Week 10	March 17-19	Chapter 14: Treating Disorders	
Week 11	March 24-26	Chapter 14: Treating Disorders	
Week 12	March 31-April 2	<b>Test3</b> Chapter 15: Social Psychology	<b>E3: Ch 13 &amp; 14</b>
Week 13	April 7-9	Chapter 15: Social Psychology	
Final Exams Week	April 14-21	No Classes. Final Exam Period	<b>E4: Ch 15 &amp; all Comprehensive Final Exams are Scheduled by the Registrar Office</b>