

Introduction to Cognition and Perception (Psych 211)

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I am always available through e-mail
I recognize that many students cannot come during office hours, therefore I am also available by appointment. If you want to see me and cannot make my office hours, please set up an appointment with me in advance.

Texts: Goldstein, *Cognitive Psychology*.

Requirements:

- Reading:** You are expected to know and understand all material in the assigned readings (even if it is not covered in class). Although I will not lecture on all the information in the text, any questions you have about the reading can be raised in class or at my office hours.
- Attendance:** Much of the material covered in class will not be covered in the reading. Thus, it is a good idea not to miss class. Please do not be late to class, it is disruptive.
- Tests:** There will be three tests and a final exam. If you miss a test, you will receive a zero, (unless I *pre-approve* your absence).
- UNCW Honor Code:** Do not cheat or plagiarize. It will result in an F in the class.
- Extra Credit:** After some of the lectures, I will provide the opportunity for you to complete an essay question for extra credit. You are to write a short essay (about 1 typed page) to answer the question. The extra credit will be worth up to 2.5 points that will be added to your next test grade. So, if I offer 4 extra credit essays between Exam 1 and Exam 2, you have the opportunity to earn up to 10 points added to your grade on Exam 2.

These essays must:

- (1) be turned in at the beginning of the next class period in person (someone else cannot turn it in for you, and I will not accept late or electronic copies)
- (2) be typed (12 point font, 1 inch margins, double spaced)
- (3) be thoughtful and thorough

Problems: Call me or come see me during office hours. I will do all I can to help you. I will try as hard to teach you as you try to learn. I will not, however, be sympathetic to excuses for not trying.

Deriving Your Grade:

Exam 1: 25%
Exam 2: 25%
Exam 3: 25%
Final Exam: 25%

Course Outline

Day	Date	Fin	Lecture	Chapter
1			Introduction	
2			Introduction	1
3			Introduction	1
4			Cognitive Neuroscience	2
5			Cognitive Neuroscience	2
6			Perception	3
7			Perception	3
8			Exam 1	
9			Go Over Exam	
10			Attention	4
11			Attention	4
12			Knowledge	9
13			Short Term Memory & Working Memory	5
14			Short Term Memory & Working Memory	5
15			Exam 2	
16			Go Over Exam	
17			LTM: Structure Retrieval	6
18			LTM: Encoding	7
19			LTM: Everyday	8
20			TBA	
21			Exam 3	
22			Go Over Exam	
23			Imagery	10
24			Imagery	10
25			Problem Solving	12
26			Problem Solving	12
27			Reasoning and Decision Making	13
28			Reasoning and Decision Making	13

Final Exam: Check listings

Note: I may revise this syllabus at my whim