

**SYLLABUS**  
**Cognitive Psychology**  
**Psych 317-001**  
**Spring 2006**

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**Class Hours & Location:** Mon, Wed, Fri, Jan. 23 through May 3, 2006  
12:30 – 1:20 pm; Robinson A 106

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**REQUIRED TEXT:** Ashcraft, Mark H. (2006). *Cognition* (4<sup>th</sup> Edition).  
Prentice Hall. ISBN 0-13-155271-6

**COURSE OBJECTIVES AND REQUIREMENTS:**

Cognitive psychology is the study of the process of learning. Included are the concepts of attention, perception, encoding, thinking, learning, working memory, long term memory – storage and retrieval. The course encompasses the study of language use and acquisition, decision making, judgments, reasoning and problem solving.

**PARTICIPATION:** Class attendance will be taken in each class. Although not mandatory, regular class attendance can result in up to 1 point added to the final grade. Class attendance will be considered as participation in the course.

**LECTURE:** Lecture material will be taken from the assigned textbook. The student will be held responsible for all material discussed in class, and the material contained in the texts, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

**EXAMS:** There will be 4 exams, each worth 25 points. There will be no exam make ups. There will be no final exam.

**FINAL GRADE COMPOSITE:**

**Attendance/Participation: Up to 1 point**  
**4 (25 pt) exams: 100 points**

**Possible Total points: 101 possible points**

**Accommodations :**

**If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 703-993-2474. All accommodations must be arranged through that office.**

**GRADE BREAKDOWN:**

**\*Deadlines for add and drop for classes:**

100 +	A+	74-76	C
95 +	A	70-73	C-
90-94	A-	60-69	D
87-89	B+	< 60	F
84-86	B		
80-83	B-		
77-79	C+		

**Last day to add – Feb 7th**  
**Last day to drop – Feb 24th**

**HONOR CODE: All provisions of the GMU Honor Code apply to this class. Therefore, performance on the quizzes and in the final project is expected to be the student's own work. Proper referencing is required. (Consult the APA guide.)**

**Please Note: A C- is required to fulfill departmental requirements for successful completion of this course.**

**COURSE SCHEDULE (Subject to change)**  
**Chapters are listed from textbook.**

<b>Mon. Jan. 23</b>	<b>Chpt. 1</b>	<b>Introduction</b>
<b>Wed. Jan. 25</b>	<b>Chpt. 1</b>	<b>Introduction</b>
<b>Fri. Jan. 27</b>	<b>Chpt. 2</b>	<b>Cognitive Science</b>
<b>Mon. Jan. 30</b>	<b>Chpt. 2</b>	<b>Cognitive Science</b>
<b>Wed. Feb. 1</b>	<b>Chpt. 2</b>	<b>Cognitive Science</b>
<b>Fri. Feb. 3</b>	<b>Chpt. 3</b>	<b>Perception</b>
<b>Mon. Feb. 6</b>	<b>Chpt. 3</b>	<b>Perception</b>
<b>Wed. Feb. 8</b>	<b>Chpt. 3</b>	<b>Perception</b>
<b>Fri. Feb. 10</b>	<b>Chpt. 4</b>	<b>Attention</b>
<b>Mon. Feb. 13</b>	<b>Chpt. 4</b>	<b>Attention</b>
<b>Wed. Feb. 15</b>	<b><u>Exam #1</u></b>	<b>Chpts. 1 – 4</b>
<b>Fri. Feb. 17</b>	<b>Chpt. 5</b>	<b>Short term memory</b>
<b>Mon. Feb. 20</b>	<b>Chpt.5</b>	<b>Short term memory</b>
<b>Wed. Feb. 22</b>	<b>Chpt.5</b>	<b>Short term memory</b>
<b>Fri. Feb. 24</b>	<b>Chpt. 6</b>	<b>Learning and Remembering</b>
<b>Mon. Feb. 27</b>	<b>Chpt.6</b>	<b>Learning and Remembering</b>
<b>Wed. Mar. 1</b>	<b>Chpt. 6</b>	<b>Learning and Remembering</b>
<b>Fri. Mar. 3</b>	<b>Chpt.7</b>	<b>Knowing</b>
<b>Mon. Mar. 6</b>	<b>Chpt. 7</b>	<b>Knowing</b>
<b>Wed. Mar. 8</b>	<b>Chpt. 7</b>	<b>Knowing</b>
<b>Fri. Mar. 10</b>	<b><u>Exam #2</u></b>	<b>Chpts. 5-7</b>

<b>Mar. 13 through Mar. 19</b>	<b><u>Spring Break</u></b>	
<b>Mon. Mar. 20</b>	<b>Chpt. 8</b>	<b>Using Knowledge in the Real World</b>
<b>Wed. Mar. 22</b>	<b>Chpt. 8</b>	<b>Using Knowledge in the Real World</b>
<b>Fri. Mar. 24</b>	<b>Chpt. 8</b>	<b>Using Knowledge in the Real World</b>
<b>Mon. Mar. 27</b>	<b>Chpt. 8</b>	<b>Using Knowledge in the Real World</b>
<b>Wed. Mar. 29</b>	<b>Chpt. 9</b>	<b>Language</b>
<b>Fri. Mar. 31</b>	<b>Chpt. 9</b>	<b>Language</b>
<b>Mon. Apr. 3</b>	<b>Chpt. 9</b>	<b>Language</b>
<b>Wed. Apr. 5</b>	<b>Chpt. 9</b>	<b>Language</b>
<b>Fri. Apr. 7</b>	<b>Exam # 3</b>	<b>on chpts. 8 &amp; 9</b>
<b>Mon. Apr. 10</b>	<b>Chpt. 19</b>	<b>Comprehension</b>
<b>Wed. Apr. 12</b>	<b>Chpt. 10</b>	<b>Comprehension</b>
<b>Fri. Apr. 14</b>	<b>Chpt. 10</b>	<b>Comprehension</b>
<b>Mon. Apr. 17</b>	<b>Chpt. 11</b>	<b>Decisions</b>
<b>Wed. Apr. 19</b>	<b>Chpt. 11</b>	<b>Decisions</b>
<b>Fri. Apr. 21</b>	<b>Chpt. 11</b>	<b>Decisions</b>
<b>Mon. Apr. 24</b>	<b>Chpt. 11</b>	<b>Problem Solving</b>
<b>Wed. Apr. 26</b>	<b>Chpt. 12</b>	<b>Problem Solving</b>
<b>Fri. Apr. 28</b>	<b>Chpt. 12</b>	<b>Problem Solving</b>
<b>Mon. May 1</b>	<b>Review session</b>	
<b>Wed. May 3</b>	<b><u>Exam # 4</u></b>	<b>on chpts. 10, 11 &amp; 12</b>