

**University of New Mexico Syllabus**  
**PSY265: Cognitive Psychology**  
**Dr. Ron Salazar**

**General Information**

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**Course Description:**

Students are introduced to cognitive psychology as the scientific study of mental processes (the mind). Overview of the major content areas in cognitive psychology. Topics to be covered include attention, perception, cognitive neuroscience, short and long term memory, language, knowledge, visual imagery, problem solving, judgement, decisions, and reasoning.

**Required Text & Internet Access**

- Goldstein, E. B. (2019). *Cognitive Psychology: Connecting Mind, Research and Everyday Experience*. 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Cengage Learning.  
ISBN: 978-1-337-61628-7
- Access to UNM Learn/Blackboard (internet) is required to submit assignments

## **Course Requirements**

### **Readings**

Each student is required to read the assigned pages in the textbook and any other additional readings/websites.

### **Attendance**

Students enrolled for credit, credit/no credit, or audit **are expected to attend all class sessions**. The instructor will take attendance. A student with excessive absences—15% of total class hours—may be dropped from the class. Please note that this is less than 3 classes. Students should not assume they will be dropped from the class automatically. Absences do not relieve students of the responsibility for missed assignments and exams. Students must take the initiative in arranging with me to make up missed work. Presentations days are mandatory. Your grade will be affected due to excessive absences. Excessive absences may lead to a lower grade or failing the course. A student who misses the first-class meeting and has not contacted the instructor, or who misses two consecutive class meetings in the first week may be dropped from the course.

### **Quizzes & Final Exam**

There are 13 multiple choice quizzes online, one midterm exam and one final comprehensive exam.

***Quizzes:*** You will have *one* week to do quiz and three attempts. Highest grade is recorded. The quizzes will be taken through Blackboard. The lowest quiz will be dropped.

***Final Exam.*** Comprehensive final exam given on the last day of class. Final Exam will consist of 50 multiple choice questions. Cannot be dropped. Midterm and Final exam are multiple choice and taken in class. There will be fifty questions on the midterm and fifty questions on the final exam. You must bring a scantron and a number two pencil on the days of the final and midterm examinations.

### **Oral Presentation:**

Students will give a 15-20 minute oral presentation on a famous cognitive psychologist. The presentation will include at least 25 PowerPoint or Prezi slides. One of the slides will be an introduction slide and one slide will be a reference slide with at least three references.

### **Late and Missed Assignments**

Assignments are due at the time and date specified. After this time, the assignment is considered late and for each 24-hour period afterwards, 10% will be automatically deducted off the grade. If a crisis situation occurs, PLEASE inform me as soon as you can so I can work with you accordingly. To keep my sanity as a teacher, there will be no other exceptions to this rule.

Again, due to the potential for Internet outages, log on problems, personal emergencies, illness or anything else that may prevent you from submitting assignments on time, **do not** wait until the last day or minute to submit assignments or take quizzes and the final.

## **Tardy Policy**

Please be on time. When you are late it disrupts the whole class. If you are more than 15 minutes late your grade for the day will be 50% of the points you earned.

## **GRADING**

A = 90-100%      D = 60-69%  
B = 80-89%      F = Below 60%  
C = 70-79%

**Quizzes = 30%**

**Midterm & Final Exam = 40%**

**Oral presentation = 30%**

## **Student Responsibilities**

In order to be successful in this course each student must take responsibility for the following:

- Read the required readings
- Attend class and turn in-class assignments in at end of class
- Keeping up with the calendar of assignments
- Contacting the instructor by email immediately when there is a true emergency that prevents submitting work by the due date or attending class
- Having consistent and reliable access to a computer and to the internet
- Checking regularly to view grades and comments from me
- Posting and submitting quizzes before midnight on due date
- Adhering to the Student Code of Conduct
- Following proper protocol for withdrawing from class if needed

## **Academic Honesty:**

Students are expected to comply with the academic policy of UNM – Valencia. Any academic dishonesty will result in expulsion from the course. Your writing assignments must not be plagiarized. Plagiarism means using or copying language and/or ideas without acknowledging where you got them. Plagiarism includes copying another student's paper or ideas, downloading and turning in papers from the Internet, copying passages from sources without proper documentation, or rephrasing an author's ideas and then presenting them as your own original thoughts. To learn how to avoid plagiarism you can talk to me, or consult a tutor. If you would like even more information about plagiarism, The Owl at Purdue website offers sage advice:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/01>

If you do plagiarize, you will face one or more of the following consequences: failing the assignment, failing the course, or facing disciplinary action taken by the University. The University considers plagiarism a serious form of academic dishonesty or stealing.

## **Academic Integrity**

Having academic integrity is paramount to your success in any class. Plagiarism or cheating is not tolerated. Any instance of this will result in a grade of zero for that assignment. Here is the link to the UNM Academic Dishonesty Policy: <https://policy.unm.edu/regents-policies/section-4/4-8.html>. The policy states:

*Each student is expected to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity in academic and professional matters. The University reserves the right to take disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, against any student who is found guilty of academic dishonesty or who otherwise fails to meet the expected standards. Any student judged to have engaged in academic dishonesty in course work may receive a reduced or failing grade for the work in question and/or for the course.*

Academic Dishonesty is defined as:

*"Academic dishonesty" includes, but is not limited to, dishonesty in quizzes, tests, or assignments; claiming credit for work not done or done by others; hindering the academic work of other students; misrepresenting academic or professional qualifications within or without the University; and nondisclosure or misrepresentation in filling out applications or other University records.*

**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:** Include a statement such as the following:

jmlujan@unm.edu. If you have a documented disability, the Equal Access Services office will provide me with a letter outlining your accommodations. I will then discuss the accommodations with you to determine the best learning environment. If you feel that you need accommodations, but have not documented your disability, please contact Yolanda Pino, the coordinator for Equal Access Services at 925-8910.

## **Addendum to the Syllabus**

Classroom policies and procedures.

I have seen many behaviors over the course of my years of teaching that I have found very disrespectful to myself and other students. I feel it is necessary to have these policies to try and bring civility back to the classroom.

1. **Absences.** Attendance is required for all class periods. I take attendance very seriously. If you cannot make it to class on a regular basis, I would strongly suggest finding another course. **DO NOT** make doctor's appointments during my scheduled class periods. Also do not make appointment to meet with other instructors for conferencing during my scheduled classes. You will be counted absent in these cases.
2. **Laptops.** Students will not be allowed to use a laptop in this class unless it is for the sole purpose of taking notes. Any other use such as surfing the internet, IM, e-mail or Facebook, etc. is not allowed in my class. If it is discovered that this is occurring the student will be told to shut off the laptop and not bring it to class again.
3. **No Headphones.** You are not allowed to have headphones in your ears during class.
4. **Cell Phones.** Cell phones must be turned off during class. Unless it is an emergency then you need to have your cell phone turned on silent & vibrate mode. If you must take the call, please leave the classroom and talk outside. Text messaging is not allowed in class. Anyone caught texting in class while be warned and if it occurs again, told to leave the class.
5. **Homework from other classes.** You will not be allowed to do homework for other classes during my class period. Please do it before or after my class.
6. **Books, magazines, newspapers, etc.** are not allowed in my class. If you are caught reading other materials not related to the class (such as the textbook), you will be asked to refrain from doing so.
7. **Respecting others opinions.** I firmly believe that we must have respect for each other and to try and be civil to one another. Anyone swearing, hollering or being disrespectful to myself or others will not be tolerated, and the person will be asked to leave the class.

<b>WEEKS</b>	<b>LECTURE/EXAMS</b>	<b>CHAPTER</b>
<b>1</b>	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Cognitive Neuroscience	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<i>Perception</i>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Attention	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<i>Short Term &amp; Working Memory</i>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<i>Long Term Memory: Structure</i>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<i>Long Term Memory: Encoding, Retrieval &amp; Consolidation /</i> <b>MIDTERM EXAMINATION</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<i>Everyday Memory Errors</i>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	Knowledge	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	Visual Imagery	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<i>Language</i>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	Problem Solving	<b>12</b>

<b>13</b>	Judgement, Decisions & Reasoning	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	Oral Presentations	
<b>15</b>	Oral Presentations/ <b>Final Exam</b>	