

University of New Mexico Syllabus
PSY2220: Cognitive Psychology
Dr. Ron Salazar

General Information

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Meeting: Online UNM Learn/BlackBoard; Zoom Meetings: Tuesdays from 3:00pm – 4:15pm
Office Hours: Tuesdays 1:00pm- 2:30pm, available online. Contact through email or Course
Messaging through UNM Learn/BlackBoard

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*. 5th 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 be actively engaged on-line and work on all assignments, turn in homework, reflection journals, quizzes on-time.** Students may be dropped from the class if they do not keep up with assignments and are not responding to instructor's emails or on-line messages. Since this is an on-line course, students need to be actively engaged in course work every week. There will be a calendar of when assignments are due. The calendar and announcements will be on UNM Learn/Blackboard as well as here on the syllabus.

Students must take the initiative in arranging with me to make up missed work. Your grade will be affected due to missed assignments, quizzes and exams. It may result in a lower grade or failing class. 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, homework questions & midterm exam

There are 13 multiple choice quizzes online, one midterm 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.

Homework: There will be several questions for each chapter in each chapter folder that you need to answer. Please type up homework folder.

Midterm is multiple choice. There will be fifty questions on the midterm exam.

Final Oral Presentation:

Students will give a 15-20 minute oral presentation on a famous cognitive psychologist. The presentation will include at least 25 PowerPoint, Google Slides 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. After creating the PowerPoints, you will then link to Zoom and record your presentation. You will then email me the Zoom recording. I also need a copy of the PowerPoints. If you have a Mac (Apple), then you will need to set up a Zoom meeting with me and present live. The Final presentations will be due during finals week.

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, homework questions & midterm exam = 50%
Oral presentation = 50%

Student Responsibilities

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

- Read the required readings
- Attend class (log in and participate online) and turn in-class on time online
- 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 11:30pm 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.

WEEKS	LECTURE/EXAMS	CHAPTER
1 1/18-1/24	<i>Introduction to Cognitive Psychology</i> No Class on 1/18 (MLK JR Day). 1. Quiz for chapter 1 open 1/18, due 1/24 by 11:30pm 2. Questions related to chapter 1 due 1/24 in homework folder.	1
2 1/25-1/31	<i>Cognitive Neuroscience</i> 1. Quiz for chapter 2 open 1/25, due 1/31 by 11:30pm 2. Questions related to chapter 2 due 1/31 in homework folder.	2
3 2/1-2/7	<i>Perception</i> 1. Quiz for chapter 3 open 2/1, due 2/7 by 11:30pm 2. Questions related to chapter 3 due 2/7 in homework folder.	3
4 2/8-2/14	<i>Attention</i> 1. Quiz for chapter 4 open 2/8, due 2/14 by 11:30pm 2. Questions related to chapter 4 due 2/14 in homework folder.	4
5 2/15-2/21	<i>Short Term & Working Memory</i> 1. Quiz for chapter 5 open 2/15, due 2/21 by 11:30pm 2. Questions related to chapter 5 due 2/21 in homework folder.	5
6 2/22-2/28	<i>Long Term Memory: Structure</i> 1. Quiz for chapter 6 open 2/22, due 2/28 by 11:30pm 2. Questions related to chapter 6 due 2/28 in homework folder.	6
7 3/1-3/7	<i>Long Term Memory: Encoding, Retrieval & Consolidation /</i> MIDTERM EXAMINATION 1. Quiz for chapter 7 open 3/1, due 3/7 by 11:30pm	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Questions related to chapter 7 due 3/7 in homework folder. 3. Midterm exam open: 3/1 , due 3/14 	
8 3/8-3/14	<p><i>Everyday Memory Errors</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz for chapter 8 open 3/8, due 3/14 by 11:30pm 2. Questions related to chapter 8 due 3/14 in homework folder. 3. Midterm exam due 3/14 	8
9 3/15-3/21	SPRING BREAK – NO CLASSES	
10 3/22-3/28	<p><i>Knowledge</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz for chapter 9 open 3/22, due 3/28 by 11:30pm 2. Questions related to chapter 8 due 3/28 in homework folder. 	9
11 3/29-4/4	<p><i>Visual Imagery</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz for chapter 10 open 3/29, due 4/4 by 11:30pm 2. Questions related to chapter 10 due 4/4 in homework folder. 	10
12 4/5-4/11	<p><i>Language</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz for chapter 11 open 4/5, due 4/11 by 11:30pm 2. Questions related to chapter 11 due 4/11 in homework folder. 	11
13 4/12-4/18	<p><i>Problem Solving</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz for chapter 12 open 4/12, due 4/18 by 11:30pm 2. Questions related to chapter 12 due 4/18 in homework folder. 	12
14 4/19-4/25	<p><i>Judgement, Decisions & Reasoning</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz for chapter 13 open 4/19, due 4/25 by 11:30pm 	13

	2. Questions related to chapter 13 due 4/25 in homework folder.	
15 4/26-5/2	FINAL Oral Presentations	
16 5/2-5/9	FINAL Oral Presentations	