

University of New Mexico Syllabus
PSYC2220: 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

McBride, D.M., Cutting, J.C., Zimmerman, C. (2023) *Cognitive Psychology: Theory, Process & Methodology*. 3rdth Edition. Sage Publishing.
ISBN: 9781544398341
Access to CANVAS (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 and 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. Students need to be actively engaged in course work every week.

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 and homework questions

There are 13 multiple choice quizzes online.

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

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

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. 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.

GRADING

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

Quizzes & homework questions = 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 the coordinator for Equal Access Services at 925-8910.

WEEKS	LECTURE/EXAMS	CHAPTER
1	<i>Introduction to Cognitive Psychology</i> Quiz 1	1
2	<i>Cognitive Neuroscience</i> Quiz 2	2
3	<i>Perception</i> Quiz 3	3
4	<i>Attention</i> Quiz 4	4
5	<i>Short Term & Working Memory</i> Quiz 5	5
6	<i>Long Term Memory</i> Quiz 6	6
7	<i>Everyday Memory Errors</i> Quiz 7	7
8	<i>Language</i> Quiz 8	8
9	SPRING BREAK – NO CLASSES 3/12-3/19/2023	
10	<i>Knowledge</i> Quiz 9	9
11	<i>Visual Imagery</i> Quiz 10	10

12	<i>Problem Solving</i> Quiz 11	11
13	<i>Reasoning</i> Quiz 12	12
14	<i>Decision Making</i> <i>Quiz 13</i>	13
15	Cognitive Development	14
16	FINAL Oral Presentations	

COVID-19 Health and Awareness. UNM is a mask friendly, but not a mask required, community. To be registered or employed at UNM, Students, faculty, and staff must all meet UNM's [Administrative Mandate on Required COVID-19 vaccination](#). If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please do not come to class. If you have a positive COVID-19 test, please stay home for five days and isolate yourself from others, per the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) guidelines](#). If you do need to stay home, please communicate with me at [rasalaz@unm.edu]; I can work with you to provide alternatives for course participation and completion. UNM faculty and staff know that these are challenging times. Please let me, an advisor, or another UNM staff member know that you need support so that we can connect you to the right resources. Please be aware that UNM will publish information on websites and email about any changes to our public health status and community response.

Support:

PASOS Resource Center (505) 925-8546, <mailto:pasos@unm.edu>. The Resource Center is an on-campus center that serves as a “one-stop” for all non-academic needs of UNM-Valencia students.

Student Health and Counseling (SHAC) at (505) 277-3136. If you are having active respiratory symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, sore throat, etc.) AND need testing for COVID-19; OR If you recently tested positive and may need oral treatment, call SHAC.

LoboRESPECT Advocacy Center (505) 277-2911 can offer help with contacting faculty and managing challenges that impact your UNM experience.

Accommodations: UNM is committed to providing equitable access to learning opportunities for students with documented disabilities. As your instructor, it is my objective to facilitate an inclusive classroom setting, in which students have full access and opportunity to participate. To engage in a confidential conversation about the process for requesting reasonable accommodations for this class and/or program, please contact The [UNM-Valencia Equal Access Services](#), at (505) 925-8910 and/or The Accessibility Resource Center at arcsrvs@unm.edu or by phone at 505-277-3506.

Support: Contact me at [\[rasalaz@unm.edu \]](mailto:rasalaz@unm.edu) or in office/check-in hours and contact The UNM-Valencia Equal Access Services, at (505) 925-8910 and/or Accessibility Resource Center (<https://arc.unm.edu/>) at arcsrvs@unm.edu (505) 277-3506.

Credit-hour statement (alter as needed to suit your section):

This is a three credit-hour course. Class meets for two 65-minute sessions of direct instruction for fifteen weeks during the Fall 2022 semester. Please plan for a *minimum* of six hours of out-of-class work (or homework, study, assignment completion, and class preparation) each week.

Support:

UNM-Valencia Learning Commons (Tutoring)

Center for Academic Program Support (CAPS). Many students have found that time management workshops can help them meet their goals (consult (CAPS) website under "services").

Title IX:

Our classroom and our university should always be spaces of mutual respect, kindness, and support, without fear of discrimination, harassment, or violence. Should you ever need assistance or have concerns about incidents that violate this principle, please access the resources available to you on campus. Please note that, because UNM faculty, TAs, and GAs are considered "responsible employees" any disclosure of gender discrimination (including sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, and sexual violence) made to a faculty member, TA, or GA must be reported by that faculty member, TA, or GA to the university's Title IX

coordinator. For more information on the campus policy regarding sexual misconduct and reporting, please see: <https://policy.unm.edu/university-policies/2000/2740.html>.

Support: LoboRESPECT Advocacy Center, the Women's Resource Center, and the LGBTQ Resource Center all offer confidential services.

Citizenship and/or Immigration Status: All students are welcome in this class regardless of citizenship, residency, or immigration status. Your professor will respect your privacy if you choose to disclose your status. As for all students in the class, family emergency-related absences are normally excused with reasonable notice to the professor, as noted in the attendance guidelines above. UNM as an institution has made a core commitment to the success of all our students, including members of our undocumented community. The Administration's welcome is found on our website: <http://undocumented.unm.edu/>.

Respectful and Responsible Learning: We all have shared responsibility for ensuring that learning occurs safely, honestly, and equitably. Submitting material as your own work that has been generated on a website, in a publication, by an artificial intelligence algorithm, by another person, or by breaking the rules of an assignment constitutes academic dishonesty. It is a student code of conduct violation that can lead to a disciplinary procedure. *Please ask me for help in finding the resources you need to be successful in this course. I can help you use study resources responsibly and effectively.* Off-campus paper writing services, problem-checkers and services, websites, and AIs can be incorrect or misleading. Learning the course material depends on completing and submitting your own work. UNM preserves and protects the integrity of the academic community through multiple policies including policies on student grievances (Faculty Handbook D175 and D176), academic dishonesty (FH D100), and respectful campus (FH CO9). These are in the *Student Pathfinder* (<https://pathfinder.unm.edu>) and the *Faculty Handbook* (<https://handbook.unm.edu>).

Support: Many students have found that time management workshops or work with peer tutors can help them meet their goals. These and are other resources are available through PASOS (Pathways to Articulation and Sustainable Opportunities for Students), TRIO Student Support Services, and Student Learning Support at the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Connecting to Campus and Finding Support: UNM has many resources and centers to help you thrive, including [opportunities to get involved](#), [mental health resources](#), [academic support including tutoring](#), [resource centers](#) for people like you, free food at [Valencia Campus Food Pantry](#), and [jobs on campus](#). Your [advisor](#), staff at the [resource centers](#) and [Academic Affairs Office](#), and I can help you find the right opportunities for you.
