PSYC 221

Cognitive Psychology

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Tuesday 8:30 Đ 10:00

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Course Summary: An introduction to the science of mind and thought, with emphasis on philosophical issues, empirical studies, and theoretical models.

Topics will include information theory, attention, pattern recognition, working

Experience, 3rd

Cognitive Psychology: Connecting Mind, Research and Everyday

Web Site

Course notes and other course information will be available through a Moodle course web page. This site can be reached at this URL:

https://moodle.queensu.ca/

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http://www.queensu.ca/its/moodle/studentfaqs.html

Special needs

If you have special needs please contact me as soon as you can and we can work out the working/learning strategy that suits you best.

Course Evaluation:

Laboratories	10%
Midterm 1 (Feb. 12)	20%
Midterm 2 (March 12)	25%
FINAL EXAM (to be scheduled)	45%

Midterms and Final

Both the midterms and the final exam will have a similar format. The first section (A) of the tests and exam will consist of multiple questions based largely on the text. This will be followed by one or two sections of questions requiring short and longer answers drawn from the lecture material, laboratories and text.

Tentative Lecture Schedule

DATE	TOPIC	READING
Jan. 8, 11	Introduction	Ch. 1 (2,3)
Jan. 15, 18	Attention	Ch. 4
Jan. 22, 25		

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