

Sul Ross State University
Cognitive Psychology
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(This is a tentative schedule subject to change)

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Start/end dates: January 18, 2023 – May 12, 2023

Meeting Location: Web Delivered

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Introduction to the interdisciplinary field of cognitive science, including the five disciplines of which it is composed, especially cognitive psychology and the “cognitive revolution” in psychology. Addresses such questions as: What is mind? What is thinking? Memory? Learning? Perception? Identity?

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The graduating student will demonstrate the capacity to:

- Recognize the central concepts, theories, and empirical findings in the department’s main areas of focus: abnormal psychology; social & personality psychology, and developmental psychology.
- Recognize and apply basic psychological research methods, including: the experiment; the case study; the survey; and correlation.
- Communicate effectively in written assignments and oral presentations.
- Demonstrate insight into the behavior and psychological processes of oneself and others.

COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this course are to:

- Explore the major findings, theories and theorists who have contributed to the field of Cognitive Psychology.
- Recognize the how cognitive psychology fits into our everyday understanding of our world and ourselves through mass media.
- Appreciate the ways that human brain processes and stores information.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

You may use any format of the required texts that you wish. Do not download illegal copies of the required texts.

Sanborn, F.W. (2022). A cognitive psychology of mass communication, Routledge Publications, New York, N.Y.

ISBN: 9780367713553

Class Attendance and Participation Policy:

If you will be unable to participate in class for any reason, you must contact the instructor and request an excused absence or reason for late assignment in advance. **More than Three unexcused absence (late assignments) will result in dismissal from the course and a failing grade.**

Assignment Submission: All assignments MUST be submitted via BlackBoard. **Assignments emailed to the instructor will not be accepted. Late assignments will incur a 10 point penalty for each day they are late.**

SRSU DISABILITY/ AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT STATEMENT:

Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973.

Students with qualifying disabilities who seek accommodations must initiate a request for a meeting for accessibility services.

Students seeking accessibility services must contact Counseling & Accessibility Services. For more information see <https://www.sulross.edu/counseling-and-accessibility-services/mental-health-counseling-services/>

Counseling and Accessibility Services Office

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7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Monday-Friday

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Presenting someone else's work and the work of others as your own, submitting the same paper for multiple classes, and/or failing to cite your sources when you utilize the ideas of others, are all examples of academic dishonesty. It is each person's responsibility to read and understand the university's policy on academic dishonesty in the SRSU Student Handbook, as all violations will be taken seriously and handled through the appropriate university process. The Student Handbook can be found at: <https://www.sulross.edu/student-life/>

ONLINE CLASSROOM:

This is a course that requires online interaction and discussion. Class attendance IS REQUIRED and participation is important. Class participation and attendance will be worth 20% of the final grade. The percentage is considerable so your presence will help your ability to complete all of assignments for this class. This is an online course. However, your active, daily participation in this course is essential and required in order to be successful, including checking email daily, checking for Black Board announcements, staying up with readings and participating in virtual meetings.

Distance Education Statement:

Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, such as Smarthinking, library resources, online databases, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should correspond using Sul Ross email accounts and submit online assignments through Blackboard, which requires secure login information to verify students' identities and to protect students' information. The procedures for filing a student complaint are included in the student handbook. Students enrolled in distance education courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website. The Support Desk is where you can direct your more technical Questions.

For example, if you are having issues submitting a document, getting videos to play, or you are dealing with a technical error in the course.

The support desk is open 24 hours a day/7 days a week for your convenience. You can reach the support desk:

By calling 888.837.6055

- Via email blackboardsupport@sulross.edu
- Using resources from the Technology Support tab within blackboard
- Clicking the Support Desk graphic on the course homepage

The Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library in Alpine offers FREE resources and services to the entire SRSU community. Access and borrow books, articles, and more by visiting the library's website, library.sulross.edu. Off campus access requires logging in with your Lobo ID and password. Librarians are a tremendous resource for your coursework and can be reached in person, by email (<mailto:srsulibrary@sulross.edu>) or phone (432-837-8123).

The Southwest Texas Junior College (SWTJC) Libraries at Uvalde, Del Rio, and Eagle Pass offer additional access to library spaces and resources. Del Rio, Eagle Pass, and Uvalde students may also use online resources available through SWTJC website, library.swtjc.edu. The SWTJC Libraries serve as pick-up locations for Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and Document Delivery from the Alpine campus.

Course Behaviors - Respect and Disruptions:

Watch the VIDEO on NETTIQUETTE - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWMk_Zv7nB8 and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80uRE972uQ0>.

Student Conduct and Discipline section of the SRSU Student Handbook

(http://www.sulross.edu/sites/default/files//sites/default/files/users/docs/stulife/student_conduct_discipline.pdf)

SENSITIVE TOPICS POLICY

As psychology deals with understanding human nature, it is inevitable that sensitive topics will be brought up in some psychology classes. These can include issues of race/ethnicity, religion, sexual behavior, sexual/gender identity, and different world views and attitudes (among others). You are encouraged to share your opinion or position and to question the views of

other students and the instructor if it is done in a professional manner without using derogatory terms, bigoted language, or offensive epithets. It is possible to discuss sensitive topics and express different views while maintaining an elevated level of discourse.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

I aim to create a learning environment for my students that supports a diversity of thoughts, perspectives and experiences, and honors your identities (including race, gender, class, sexuality, religion, ability, socioeconomic class, age, nationality, etc.). I also understand that the crisis of COVID, economic disparity, and health concerns, or even unexpected life events could impact the conditions necessary for you to succeed. My commitment is to be there for you and help you meet the learning objectives of this course. I do this to demonstrate my commitment to you and to the mission of Sul Ross State University to create an inclusive environment and care for the whole student as part of the Sul Ross Familia. If you feel like your performance in the class is being impacted by your experiences outside of class, please don't hesitate and contact me.

Quizzes –There are (15) quizzes given to ensure that you have read assigned material and understand the most pertinent concepts. Thus, try to complete the quizzes as we're covering the associated chapters.

Assignments –There are (15) assignments in total. These assignments are designed to challenge you to use your critical thinking skills, and to gain a stronger understanding of developmental psychology perspectives.

Important: Discussions –There are (15) discussions in total. You must post and respond to these discussions and to (2) other posts from your peers. A discussion will be considered incomplete if all the elements (responding to others or specific instructions) are not followed and will earn a (0) in the grade book. Late discussions will earn a (0). Discussions will also receive partial grading of (5) points if any texting language is used such as using (i) instead of (I). Responses are to be at **least 4 full** sentences, anything less will result in 5 point deduction.

Mid-Term – One (1) exam will be given at the end of this term. It consists of 50 multiple choice/short answer questions and one (1) essay question. Fifty percent of the questions for this exam will come directly from the quizzes. Date of exam is 03/05-06/2023. Note there is no make-up exam unless you are absent due to illness and with documented proof.

Final Exam – One (1) exam will be given at the end of this term. It consists of 50 multiple choice/short answer questions and one (1) essay question. Fifty percent of the questions for this exam will come directly from the quizzes. The date of this exam is 05/11-12/2023. Please note that there is no make-up exam unless you are absent due to illness and with documented proof.

Participation – This is a web-based class and participation is necessary for everyone to learn the content. We don't acquire knowledge in a vacuum. New material is retained better if there is engagement between learners. Therefore a substantial part of your grade is participation. This translates into discussion being posted in a timely manner so that everyone can respond to each other.

Grading:

Syllabus/Introduction Quiz	25 points
Quizzes	150(15 @ 10 points each)
Assignments	150(15 @ 10 points each)
Discussion	300(15 @ 20 points each)
Mid Term	100 points
Participation:	175 points
Final Exam:	100 points

Total Points: 1000 points

FOR SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS CHECK YOUR BLACKBOARD AND COURSE CALENDAR!