



Department of Psychology

Psychology 353 (L01) – Psychology of Aging

Winter 2006

Lecture Day/Time:	T/R 15:30 (75 minutes)	Location:	MFH0160
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Course Description and Goals:

Examines theory and research related to psychological processes during adulthood and aging. Topics may include life-span developmental theories and methods; biological processes; sensory, perceptual and cognitive processes; personality and social processes; life transitions, mental health issues; and dying.

Required Text:

Cavanaugh, J. C. & Blanchard-Fields, F. Adult Development and Aging. Brooks/Cole.

Evaluation:

There will be three multiple-choice exams including a final. The final exam will not be cumulative. The exams will be equally weighted at 1/3 of your total grade.

Lecture Schedule:

Winter 2006 – Lecture Schedule

TR - (Tuesday, Thursday)

DATE		
Jan. 10	Introduction	Chapter 3
Jan. 12	Introduction	Chapter 3
Jan. 17	Demography	
Jan. 19	Demography	
Jan. 20	Last day for Winter registration and change of registration. No fee refunds for withdrawals after this date.	
Jan. 24	Research Design	Chapter 1
Jan. 26	Research Design	Chapter 1
Jan. 31	Biology of Aging	Chapter 2
Feb. 2	Biology of Aging	Chapter 2
Feb. 7	Sensory and Perception	Chapter 2
Feb. 9	Sensory and Perception	Chapter 2
Feb. 14	Attention	Chapter 6
Feb. 16	Test 1	

Feb. 19-26	No classes – Reading Week	
Feb.. 28	Learning	
March 2	Learning	
March 7	Memory	Chapter 7
March 9	Memory	Chapter 7
March 14	Intelligence	Chapter 8
March 16	Intelligence	Chapter 8
March 21	Test 2	
March 23	Personality	Chapter 10
March 28	Mental Health	Chapter 4
March 30	Mental Health	Chapter 4
April 4	Sexuality	Chapter 11
April 6	Retirement	Chapter 12
April 11	Death and Dying	Chapter 13
April 12	Last day to allocate Bonus Credits to Winter Session half courses and full courses.	
April 13	Last day of lectures for Winter Session. Last day to withdraw from full courses and Winter Session half courses.	
April 17-28	Winter Session Final Examinations	

Grading Scale:

A+	96-100%	B+	80-84%	C+	67-71%	D+	54-58%
A	90-95%	B	76-79%	C	63-66%	D	50-53%
A-	85-89%	B-	72-75%	C-	59-62%	F	0-49%

In this course there will be no rounding up of final grades, especially in light of the opportunities students have to increase their final grade via bonus credits.

University of Calgary Curriculum Objectives:

Critical and creative thinking (exams)
 Analysis of problems (lecture and exams)
 Effective written communication (exams)
 Abstract reasoning and its applications (lectures and exams)
 A defined interdisciplinary component (lectures)
 Integration of research (lectures and exams)

Reappraisal of Grades

A student who feels that a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, test, etc.) has been unfairly graded, may have the work re-graded as follows. The student shall discuss the work with the instructor within fifteen days of being notified about the mark or of the item's return to the class. If not satisfied, the student shall immediately take the matter to the Head of the department offering the course, who will arrange for a reassessment of the work within the next fifteen days. The reappraisal of term work may cause the grade to be raised, lowered, or to remain the same.

If the student is not satisfied with the decision and wishes to appeal, the student shall address a letter of appeal to the Dean of the faculty offering the course within fifteen days of the unfavourable decision. In the letter, the student must clearly and fully state the decision being appealed, the grounds for appeal, and the remedies being sought, along with any special circumstances that warrant an appeal of the reappraisal. The student should include as much written documentation as possible.

Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. Consequently, plagiarism or cheating on any assignment is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense. Plagiarism involves submitting or presenting work in a course as if it were the student's own work done expressly for that particular course when, in fact, it is not. Students should examine sections of the University Calendar that present a Statement of Intellectual honesty and definitions and penalties associated with Plagiarism/Cheating/Other Academic Misconduct.

Academic Accommodation

It is a student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a disability who may require academic accommodation and **have not** registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. If you are seeking academic accommodation, please notify your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the commencement of the course. Note that the lecturer must approve any tape recordings of lectures.

Absence From A Test

Make-up exams are NOT an option without an official University medical excuse (see the University Calendar). You must contact the instructor before the scheduled examination or you will have forfeited any right to make up the exam. At the instructor's discretion, a make-up exam may differ significantly (in form and/or content) from a regularly scheduled exam. Except in extenuating circumstances (documented by an official University medical excuse), a makeup exam is written within two (2) weeks of the missed exam.

A completed Physician/Counselor Statement will be required to confirm absence from a test for health reasons. The student will be required to pay any cost associated with the Physician Counselor Statement.

Bonus Course Credits for Research Participation

Students in most psychology courses are eligible to participate in Departmentally-approved research and earn credits toward their final grades. A maximum of two credits (2%) per course, including this course, may be applied to an individual's final grade. Information about current experiments is on the Experimentrix website at <http://experimentrix.com/uc>. The read.me link at that site provides a guide to using the system and assigning your credits. The last day to participate in research and **ALLOCATE YOUR CREDITS TO YOUR COURSES** is April 12, 2006.

Student Organizations

Psychology students may wish to join the Psychology Undergraduate Students' Association (PSYCHS). They are located in the Administration building, room 170 or may be contacted at 220-5567.

Student Union VP Academic: Phone: 220-3911 suvpaca@ucalgary.ca
Student Union Faculty Rep.: Phone: 220-3913 socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

Important Dates

The last day to drop this course and **still receive a fee refund** is January 20, 2006. The last day to withdraw from this course is April 13, 2006.