

PSYC 210: Introduction to Cognitive Psychology

Department of Psychology | Spring 2027 | 3 Credit Hours

Class Meetings: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:00–11:15 AM

Office Hours: Tuesday 1:00–3:00 PM, or by appointment | **Prerequisite:** PSYC 101

Course Description

This course surveys how people perceive, attend to, remember, and reason about information. Students examine classic and current research on perception, attention, memory, language, and decision making, and learn how cognitive psychologists design experiments to test theories of the mind.

Learning Outcomes

- Explain major theories and findings in perception, attention, memory, language, and decision making.
- Evaluate the design, results, and limitations of published cognitive experiments.
- Write clear, APA-style lab reports that interpret experimental data.

Grading

Reading quizzes 15% | Lab reports (3) 25% | Midterm exam 25% | Final exam 30% | Participation 5%

Scale: A 93–100, A– 90–92, B+ 87–89, B 83–86, B– 80–82, C+ 77–79, C 73–76, C– 70–72, D 60–69, F below 60.

Tentative Schedule

Week (Dates)	Topic	Due / Notes
1–2 (Jan 19–28)	Foundations and research methods	Reading quizzes begin Jan 21
3–4 (Feb 2–11)	Perception and attention	Lab Report 1 due Thu, Feb 11
5–6 (Feb 16–25)	Short-term and working memory	
7 (Mar 2–4)	Review	Midterm Exam Thu, Mar 4
8 (Mar 9–11)	Long-term memory and encoding	
Mar 15–19	Spring Break (no class)	
9–10 (Mar 23–Apr 1)	Memory errors and knowledge	Lab Report 2 due Thu, Apr 1
11–12 (Apr 6–15)	Language	
13–14 (Apr 20–29)	Problem solving and decision making	Lab Report 3 due Thu, Apr 29
15 (May 4)	Course review (last class)	Final Exam Tue, May 11, 10:30 AM–12:30 PM

Course Policies

- **Late work:** Lab reports lose 10% per day late and are not accepted more than three days after the due date without documented cause.
- **Academic integrity:** All submitted work must be your own. Violations are reported under the university's academic integrity policy.
- **Accessibility:** Students requesting accommodations should contact Disability Services and notify the instructor by the end of Week 2.