

Cognitive Psychology 435/535
Fall 2005

Tues/Thurs 12:00-1:20 PM
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Class Blackboard site: There will be a blackboard website developed for this class. You should be able to find it by going to the following address: blackboard.uoregon.edu. You will need a username and password to access this website. This information should have already arrived in your email. If you are having any difficulties using this site, there are personnel who can help you in the Knight Library ITC (Information Technology Center) as well as the Science Library.

OPTIONAL Textbook: *Cognition: Exploring the Science of the Mind*, by Daniel Reisberg. Norton Publishing Company. Some selections from this text will be posted on blackboard, but this can be purchased through the bookstore for those interested in the full version.

Examinations: There will be **three** midterms and no final exam. The three midterm exams will be worth a total of 75% of your final grade.

Exams and term paper will be weighted as follows:

There will be 3 midterms and **NO final** in this class.

Highest two midterm scores: 27.5% each

Lowest midterm score will count **20%**.

Term paper: 25%

The specific details of the term paper assignment (length, topic, and due date) will be announced within the first two weeks of the course.

Course Evaluation: Exams will cover material from the lecture, supplemented by readings distributed on the blackboard site. It is important to attend lectures to do well in this course.

Course Schedule

April 1, 3	History of Cognitive Psychology
April 8, 10	Object Perception
April 15, 17	Selective Attention (early vs. late selection)
April 22	1st MIDTERM
April 24	Selective Attention (<i>how</i> is information selected?)
April 29	Distinguishing Multiple Memory Systems: Amnesia, Explicit and Implicit Memory
May 1	Memory tricks and Memory Errors: What helps long term retention? People with extraordinary memory. When and how does memory fail?
May 6, 8	Visual Imagery, Synesthesia
May 13	2nd MIDTERM
May 15, 20	Working memory: The Capacity and Structure of the Brain's "online" workspace.
May 22	Concepts and Categories: How is our knowledge of the world organized in the mind?
May 27	Judgment and Decision Making
May 29	Reasoning: Inductive and Deductive Reasoning
June 3	Consciousness: Split brains and what it means to be you.
June 5	3rd MIDTERM