Cognition is extraordinarily central in every human’s daily life. Cognitive approach has widespread influence on other areas of psychology. Your mind is an impressively sophisticated piece of equipment. As the owner of this equipment, do you want to check out user’s manual as you would do with your favorite gadgets?

- Knowledge representation
- Language
- Reasoning and Decision Making
- Cognitive Development
- Perception, Attention, & Consciousness
- Working memory, & Long-term Memory
- Memory strategies
- Mental Imagery & Cognitive Maps

Why does this course exist?

Cognition is extraordi-narily central in every human’s daily life. An overview of cognitive psychology as science: basic concepts and theories, research methods, and applications in real world.

Required Materials

1. Matlin, M. (8th Ed). Cognition. Wiley. It is considered the most readable undergraduate cognition textbook. I cannot emphasize enough of the importance that you consult with your user’s manual, the textbook.

NO late work will be accepted.
NO cheating will be tolerated.
RESPECT your peers.
RESPECT your professor.
NO makeup exam except emergency as described.
Respond to class communication.

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2. Fast and reliable Internet Connection.

3. Study Time.
   This is a 3 credit hour class. You should prepare to spend at least 6 hours of study time per week. Individuals vary in the amount of time they need.

4. Good computer.

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"Whilst part of what we perceive comes through our senses from the object before us, another part (and it may be the larger part) always comes out of our own mind."
William James, The Principles of Psychology

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Grade Evaluation 1: Learning Engagement Quizzes

It is assumed that you will attend and actively participate during all class activities.

This class will employ active learning strategies by having you quiz yourself.

Plan to complete a quiz on Tues and Thurs respectively.

Each of them will cover the different parts of a topic under discussion.

Splitting a topic into chunks will reduce your workload each time and make it more manageable / memorable.

You will earn credit for every quiz on which you score a 60% or better (i.e., they are treated as pass / fail).

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Grade Evaluation 2: Assignments

Many of the assignments will be experiencing the well known experiments as participants and answer questions.

Plan to complete the work by the end of the week.

Mind as Swiss army knife

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The material covered by the exams will not be cumulative, but will include only the material covered in the preceding part of the course.

The questions will be based on the text and lecture materials posted in eCollege.

**Coursework Policy**

All quizzes and exams are to be taken **closed-book**.

You are not allowed to take any quiz, exam or submit an assignment after its respective deadline, unless you notify me of extenuating circumstances and I give permission in advance.

In case of **unforeseen medical emergency**, contact me or Dept ASAP. When **official documentation** is provided, you can do a make-up.

No incompletes. If you cannot complete the course with a grade that find satisfactory, it is your responsibility to drop it.

**Other Important Basics**

Keep in mind that a syllabus sometimes shifts a little as the course gets underway. I say that by way of noting the importance of class attendance, as you will be held responsible for any change in plans announced in class.

Please check your course at least once a day.

**Dishonesty** (broadly defined) is not allowed. This means that neither cheating nor plagiarism will be tolerated.

Students who engage in either will be subject to the disciplinary processes described in the Code of Student Conduct.

“Every act of perception, is to some degree an act of creation, and every act of memory is to some degree an act of imagination.”

*Oliver Sacks, Musicophilia: La musique, le cerveau et nous*
The university likes me to say: “All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment.” (See Student’s Guide Handbook).

Examples of academic dishonesty:
Collusion (the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing assignments.
Using, during any academic exercise, material and/or devices not authorized by the person in charge of the test;
Substituting for another student or permitting another student to substitute for oneself.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:
Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Gee Library
Room 132
Phone (903) 886-5150

Inclusivity Statement
It’s just better when we are all together.
A&M-Commerce will provide a learning environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Success is based on accomplishment, not effort — but no accomplishment is attained ever without effort.

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Netiquette: Communication Courtesy Code

All members of the class are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all email messages, threaded discussions and chats. Please take a moment and read the following link concerning "netiquette".
http://www.albion.com/netiquette/

Participating in the virtual realm, including social media sites and shared-access sites sometimes used for educational collaborations, should be done with honor and integrity:
http://ctlt.ubc.ca/distance-learning/learner-support/communicating-online-netiquette/

Disclaimer:
While I make every effort to abide by the information presented in this syllabus, I reserve the right to modify this syllabus at any time.

Tentative Schedule of Topics

How mind works?
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Plus + indicates extra credits
Tentative Schedule Notes:
The weekly total grade point overview illustrated under Sunday of each week does not include extra credit assignments.

Grade Evaluation: Point Distribution

- **Quiz**: 13%
- **Assignment**: 23%
- **Exam**: 64%

Notes: (approximately)
- Each quiz: 3pts
- Each assignment: 10 pts
- Each exam: 100 pts

Grading

Learning Objectives:

1) Acquire a foundation of content knowledge about cognition.
2) Being introduced to conceptual metaphors of investigating cognition.
3) Develop hands-on experiences of experimental methods used in investigating cognition.
4) Integrate and apply the concepts of cognition in analyzing real world problems.