California State University, Sacramento  
Department of Psychology  
PSYC 110: Cognitive Psychology  

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Prerequisites: PSYC 001; PSYC 008, PSYC 101 recommended

Required Text & Readings

Cognitive Psychology: Connecting Mind, Research and Everyday Experience (with Coglab 2.0 Online Booklet) by E. Bruce Goldstein (2007)

The textbook is available in University Bookstore. You may also purchase the text from online sources such as www.amazon.com. Note. A used copy of this text may include the CogLab online booklet but probably not a valid CogLab registration code/PIN. A valid CogLab registration code/PIN is required for completing CogLab assignments for this class. To purchase CogLab registration code/PIN separately, go to WebCT > Web Links > CogLab Online Version 2.0 (You may purchase an instant registration code/PIN. The CogLab Booklet can be downloaded for free from CogLab website.)

Other Course Materials

A valid saclink account; access to a computer with high-speed internet connection; General Purpose NCS Answer Sheet (Form No. 4521).

Current Description from Course Catalog

“An examination of the basic concepts of cognitive psychology, including sensory storage, pattern recognition, attention, short-term memory, long-term memory, visual imagery, semantic memory structure, text processing, problem solving and decision-making. The relations among artificial intelligence, mental modeling, and the simulation of cognitive processes will also be explored.”
**Method of Instruction**

This is a lecture course with substantial WebCT components, including access to lecture slides, course calendar, announcements, mail, discussions, CogLab assignments, useful web links, and access to your grades.

**Course Requirements and Grading Criteria**

- **Exams** \((300 \times 3 = 900 \text{ points})\). There will be 3 non-cumulative mid-term exams, each constitutes 30% of the final grade. Each exam will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions. All exams are closed-book-closed notes, however, a one-page hand-written “cheat sheet” will be allowed for each exam. Details of the “cheat-sheet” policy will be discussed at class prior to the exams.

- **Coglab Assignments** \((10 \times 10 = 100 \text{ points})\). There will be 10 CogLab assignments that collectively constitute 10% of the final grade. These will be graded on a pass (10 points) or no pass (0 points) basis.

Final grade will be determined by the total points earned:

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**Course Policies**

*Attendance.* Attending the lectures is crucial for success in this class. No formal record of attendance will be kept, however, students are responsible for all the materials discussed and updates/announcements made at class regardless of their attendance.

*Make-Up Exams.* Make-up exams will be granted under extraordinary circumstances only and is subject to the instructor's discretion.

*Late Work.* No late submission of Coglab assignments will be accepted for credit for any reason.

*Extra Credit.* Extra credit opportunities (e.g., additional readings, quizzes, CogLab experiments) may be available. These will typically be announced at class.
**Academic Honesty**

Students are expected to be familiar with the University’s policy and procedures regarding academic honesty. Engaging in cheating or plagiarism (e.g., copying someone else’s answers or using another student’s “cheat sheet” during an exam) will result in an F grade for the course and a letter to Judicial Affairs Officer. The policy on Academic Honesty and other information regarding student conduct can be accessed from the University Policy Manual (http://www.csus.edu/umanual/index.htm) and Library’s Plagiarism Website (http://library.csus.edu/content2.asp?pageID=353).

**Reasonable Accommodation Policy**

If you have a disability and require accommodations, you need to provide disability documentation to Services for Students with Disabilities (SSWD). For more information please visit the SSWD website (http://www.csus.edu/sswd/). They are located in Lassen Hall 1008 and can be contacted by phone at (916) 278-6955 (Voice) (916) 278-7239 (TDD only) or via email at sswd@csus.edu. Please discuss your accommodation needs with me after class or during my office hours early in the semester.

**Student Computing Labs**

Students can use any of the IRT managed student computer labs on campus for access to WebCT and completing CogLab assignments. Visit the University Labs website (http://www.csus.edu/uccs/labs/generalinfo/about.stm) for information about locations, hours, and resources available during summer sessions.

To access WebCT, you must have a valid saclink account ID and login from the WebCT Login Page (https://online.csus.edu). To learn more about WebCT visit the Student Resources webpage (http://www.csus.edu/webct/student/) where you can view online Tutorials, FAQ’s and other help resources.

**Course Schedules**

Course schedules (lecture topics, required readings, coglab assignment due dates, dates for the exams) can be accessed from WebCT > Calendar. The descriptions and due dates are subject to change at the discretion of the Instructor.