



Cognition

PSY 352

Southwestern College Professional Studies

COURSE SYLLABUS

I. Course Catalog Description

This course covers the psychological study of attention, pattern recognition, memory, language, reasoning, problem solving, and creativity. *Prerequisite: PSY 110.*

II. Required and Supplementary Instructional Materials

Sternberg, R. J. (2017). *Cognitive psychology* (7th ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, Cengage Learning.

III. Learning Outcomes

Learning outcomes describe the knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes that learners gain as the result of a particular learning experience. Southwestern College Professional Studies has learning outcomes specific to each course and each [undergraduate](#) and [graduate](#) program of study, as well as [institution-wide outcomes](#) related to the mission and vision of the college. Outcomes can help learners and instructors focus on the big picture of the learning experience and can help inform potential employers about a graduate's knowledge and skills.

Upon successfully completing this course, the learner will be able to:

- Explain basic concepts of cognition and its application to psychology
- Describe the role and function of the brain in the cognitive process
- Explain perception
- Explain the processes of attention and consciousness
- Describe memory processes
- Explain how knowledge is organized in the brain
- Explain the role of language as it relates to the human mind
- Differentiate between problem solving and decision making
- Describe practical application of all of the above to the "real world" environment

At the end of the course, learners may vary in their ability to achieve these outcomes. You are more likely to achieve these outcomes only if you attend class and/or online activities as required by the syllabus, complete the requirements for all assignments to the best of your ability, participate actively in class activities and group work as directed, and study diligently for exams.

IV. Course Policies

Students are expected to read and abide by the course policies located in the instructor-specific syllabus in the blackboard course.

V. Course Requirements:

Requirements	Number of Assignments	Points Possible	Percent of Grade
Discussion Boards	6	240	20%
Written Assignments	5	500	42%
Research Paper	1	260	22%
Midterm Exam	1	100	8%
Final Exam	1	100	8%
Total Points		1,200	100%

VI. Course at a Glance:

Unit	Reading & Preparation Activities	Graded Work Due
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions discussion forum• Read <i>Sternberg</i>, Chapters 1-3• Read Chapter 1-3 PowerPoints	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 1 Discussion• Unit 1 Written Assignment
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read <i>Sternberg</i>, Chapter 4• Read Chapter 4 PowerPoint	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 2 Discussion• Unit 2 Written Assignment
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read <i>Sternberg</i>, Chapters 5 - 7• Read Chapter 5-7 PowerPoints• Review "10 Facts about Memory"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 3 Discussion• Unit 3 Written Assignment• Midterm Exam
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read <i>Sternberg</i>, Chapter 8 -10• Read Chapter 8-10 PowerPoints• Read Research Paper Assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 4 Discussion• Unit 4 Written Assignment
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read <i>Sternberg</i>, Chapters 11-12• Read Chapter 11-12 PowerPoints	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 5 Discussion• Unit 5 Written Assignment
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review Research Paper Assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 6 Discussion• Unit 6 Research Paper• Final Exam

VII. Other Policies and Requirements

Follow this link to the Southwestern College Professional Studies [Standard Syllabus](#) in Blackboard. You may be required to log in.