

**YORK UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY OF HEALTH  
PSYCHOLOGY 3260 3.0N: COGNITION  
WINTER TERM 2013  
COURSE OUTLINE**

**Mondays 2:30 - 5:30 pm**

**LAS-C**

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**Prerequisite:** A minimum grade of "C" in Psychology 1010, or its equivalent

**Text:** Galotti, K. M (2008). *Cognitive Psychology in and out of the laboratory* (4rd Ed). Thomson/Wadsworth.

***Tentative Schedule***

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Chapter</i>
Jan. 7	Introduction	1
14	Perception/Attention	3/4
21	Memory	5/6
28	Knowledge Representation	7
Feb. 4	Concepts	8
<b>11</b>	<b>TEST 1</b>	
<b>18</b>	<b>READING WEEK!</b>	
25	Imagery/language	9/10
Mar. 4*	Thinking /Problem Solving & Reasoning	11/12
11	Reasoning/Decision Making	12/13
18	Decision Making/Cognitive Development	13/14
25	Cognitive Development/Individual Differences	14/15
Apr. 1	Cross cultural Perspective	16

**FINAL EXAMINATION** (Scheduled during the Final Exam period -- April 10 - 26)

\* March 15 is the last date to drop the course without academic penalty.

**Evaluation:** Your mark in the course will be based on your performance on two tests, made up of multiple-choice, definition and short essay questions. Your best test will provide 55% of your mark and your worst test 45%.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Tests

On the tests, you are responsible for all available material from text and lectures. You should have a "buddy" in the class so you can exchange missed material. Be sure to check your grade on the mid-term test as soon as it is available. If you did poorly, and you don't know what went wrong, come and see us. You will need to consider the advisability of dropping the course by the official drop date.

The only acceptable reason for missing a test is a documented illness or emergency. Documentation must state the date of the illness or emergency AND the duration of the problems caused by it. We may confirm the documentation with the provider. Failure to provide documentation may result in an 'F' on the missed test. If you miss a test, contact me or the TA within 24 hours of the test. If you don't contact us within that time, you must provide a legitimate reason for the delay as well as for missing the test. If there is a conflict with a test or exam due to religious observance, the course director must be informed no less than three weeks before the exam.

If you come to a test feeling ill, do not write it without consulting us. If you start the test, you can not take a make-up test later.

### Academic Honesty

In this course, there are two tests, so the relevant issue is that you do your own work and do not receive unauthorized assistance. Don't copy from friends or neighbours and don't let friends or neighbours copy from you -- you could both get into trouble. Information about general issues of Academic honesty (Integrity) can be found here: <http://www.yorku.ca/academicintegrity/students/index.htm>.

### Bad Weather -- or Strikes

I will meet my classes unless York is officially closed -- or I am ill. If York closes on the day of the last meeting before a test, or on the day of a scheduled test, the test will be held one class later. Otherwise tests will be held as scheduled.

If you want to know if the University is closed, call 736-5600, or the main switchboard at 736-2100, or check local radio or television stations. Information can also be found on the York Web site:  
**<http://www.yorku.ca>**

If you live out of town, and weather conditions make it dangerous for you to come to class, don't come. This would be a good time use your "buddy" to find out what was done in class..

If there is a strike, I will normally meet my classes unless York is officially closed, and you will still need to keep up with your scheduled readings, or assignments -- otherwise, when things start back up, you'll have a lot of work to do..

If you hear of a potential strike, ask your instructors about their plans. If you don't know what they will do, go to class, or check with the instructor, the TA, or the instructor's secretary. General offices, and information lines, give general information without regard to the specific course.

Assume nothing -- Union handouts and media reports are often unreliable. Every strike is unique in some way, so it is impossible to be completely clear as to how things will play out. Tests and Examinations may be held as scheduled during an ongoing strike for those who want to get them out of the way...