



Department of Psychology

Psychology 353 (L98) – Psychology of Aging

**Winter Session 2007
Weekend University**

Lecture Day/Time:	Saturday, 8 until Noon	Location:	PF 0118
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Course Description and Goals:

Examines theory and research related to psychological processes during adulthood and aging. Topics may include life-span developmental theories and methods; biological processes; sensory, perceptual and cognitive processes; personality and social processes; life transitions, mental health issues; and dying.

Required Text:

Cavanaugh, J. C. & Blanchard-Fields, F. (4th Edition). Adult Development and Aging. Brooks/Cole.

Evaluation:

There will be three multiple-choice exams including a final. The final exam will not be comprehensive. The exams will be equally weighted at 1/3 of your total grade.

Grading Scale

A+	96-100%	B+	80-84%	C+	67-71%	D+	54-58%
A	90-95%	B	76-79%	C	63-66%	D	50-53%
A-	85-89%	B-	72-75%	C-	59-62%	F	0-49%

In this course there will be no rounding up of final grades, especially in light of the opportunities students have to increase their final grade via bonus credits.

Lecture Schedule

Winter 2007 – Lecture Schedule
WEEKEND UNIVERSITY - Winter Term
(January 13 – March 24) - Saturdays

DATE	
Jan. 13	Weekend University Winter Session lectures begin. Introduction Demography Ch. 3
Jan. 20	Research Design Biology of Aging Ch. 1 Ch. 2
Jan. 27	Sensation and Perception Attention Ch. 2 Ch. 6
Feb. 3	Test 1 Reaction Time and Generalized Slowing Learning
Feb. 10	Memory Intelligence Ch. 7 Ch. 8
Feb. 18-25	No Classes – Reading Week
March 3	Test 2 Mental Health Sexuality 4 11
March 10	Retirement and Work Death and Dying 12 13
March 24	Catch up and Review Weekend University Winter Session lectures end. Last day to withdraw from WU full courses or Winter Session half courses.
April 12	Last day to allocate Research Credits to WU courses
April 14	Weekend University Winter Session Final Examinations

University of Calgary Curriculum Objectives

Critical and creative thinking (exams)
Analysis of problems (lecture and exams)
Effective communication (exams)
Abstract reasoning and its applications (lectures and exams)
A defined interdisciplinary component (lectures)
Integration of research (lectures and exams)

Reappraisal of Grades

A student who feels that a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, test, etc.) has been unfairly graded, may have the work re-graded as follows. The student shall discuss the work with the instructor within fifteen days of being notified about the mark or of the item's return to the class. If not satisfied, the student shall immediately take the matter to the Head of the department offering the course, who will arrange for a reassessment of the work within the next fifteen days. The reappraisal of term work may cause the grade to be raised, lowered, or to remain the same.

If the student is not satisfied with the decision and wishes to appeal, the student shall address a letter of appeal to the Dean of the faculty offering the course within fifteen days of the unfavourable decision. In the letter, the student must clearly and fully state the decision being appealed, the grounds for appeal, and the remedies being sought, along with any special

circumstances that warrant an appeal of the reappraisal. The student should include as much written documentation as possible.

Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. Consequently, plagiarism or cheating on any assignment is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense. Plagiarism involves submitting or presenting work in a course as if it were the student's own work done expressly for that particular course when, in fact, it is not. Students should examine sections of the University Calendar that present a Statement of Intellectual honesty and definitions and penalties associated with Plagiarism/Cheating/Other Academic Misconduct.

Academic Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and **have not** registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

Absence From A Test

Make-up exams are NOT an option without an official University medical excuse (see the University Calendar). You must contact the instructor before the scheduled examination or you will have forfeited any right to make up the exam. At the instructor's discretion, a make-up exam may differ significantly (in form and/or content) from a regularly scheduled exam. Except in extenuating circumstances (documented by an official University medical excuse), a makeup exam is written within two (2) weeks of the missed exam.

A completed Physician/Counselor Statement will be required to confirm absence from a test for health reasons. The student will be required to pay any cost associated with the Physician Counselor Statement.

Course Credits for Research Participation

Students in most psychology courses are eligible to participate in Departmentally-approved research and earn credits toward their final grades. A maximum of two credits (2%) per course, including this course, may be applied to an individual's final grade. Students can create an account and access the Research Participation System website at <http://ucalgary.sona-systems.com>. The last day to participate in research is April 12th, 2007.

Student Organizations

Psychology students may wish to join the Psychology Undergraduate Students' Association (PSYCHS). They are located in the Administration building, room 170 or may be contacted at 220-5567.

Student Union VP Academic: Phone: 220-3911 suvpaca@ucalgary.ca
Student Union Faculty Rep.: Phone: 220-3913 socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

Important Dates

The last day to drop this course and **still receive a fee refund** is January 19th, 2007. The last day to withdraw from this course is March 24th, 2007.