

**San José State University
Psychology Department
30942, Psyc 135, Cognition, Sec 02/62, SUMMER 2024**

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Class Days/Time: TR 10:00AM - 2:45PM
Classroom: Online Zoom
Prerequisites: Psych 001

WELCOME TO COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY ONLINE

CANVAS & ZOOM



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Assignment Submissions
Exams



ZOOM

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Course Description

We are examining how the brain processes information and generates the illusion of your reality. This class will reinforce basic scientific concepts as we delve into new territory of vision, language, memory, attention and other domains of cognitive psychology.

Course Goals and Student Learning Objectives

The objective is to distinguish fundamental principles of cognitive function in vision, attention, memory and language.

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

Navigate and discriminate the scientific literature in cognitive psychology in areas relevant to their concerns.

Required Texts/Readings

Juola,& Koshino *Cognitive Psychology*

V.S. Ramachandran *Phantoms in the Brain*

Readings:

James Gleick,

The Information

Matthew Cobb,

Why Your Brain is Not a Computer

Unknown

Readings on Attention

Pashler

Doing Two Things at Once

Lee

What Whorf Really Said

Boroditsky

The Role of the Body and Mind in Abstract Thought

Boroditsky & Lieberman

Does Language Shape Your Thoughts

Synchronous Classes

This is a synchronous class with supplementary asynchronous resources ***provided upon request with a valid reason.*** if circumstances (family, work

etc.) impact your class attendance, you may request the link to the lecture recording. Please understand, it's a safety net. To get the most out of the class, attend lecture and discussions.

Classroom Protocol

Even on Zoom, students are expected to display professionalism and respect for others: Arrive on time. Participate in class. Engage in civil dialogue. Pay attention to the lecture. Do not cheat.

QUIZZES

Time-pressured Multiple-Choice 28-50 Questions (approx. <1min. / question) to complete a quiz on the designated day.

It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to make sure you set aside time in a quiet undisturbed location on that day with ample time to complete it. Requests for exam date changes will be considered for extenuating circumstances with a doctor's note, if you have more than two exams on the same day, you are a parent or have suffered unforeseen hardships due to the pandemic.

Dropping and Adding

Students are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drop, grade forgiveness, etc. Refer to the current semester's [Catalog Policies](http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html) section at <http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html>. Add/drop deadlines can be found on the [current academic calendar](http://www.sjsu.edu/academic_programs/calendars/academic_calendar/) web page located at http://www.sjsu.edu/academic_programs/calendars/academic_calendar/. The [Late Drop Policy](http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops/policy/) is available at <http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops/policy/>. Students should be aware of the current deadlines and penalties for dropping classes.

Information about the latest changes and news is available at the [Advising Hub](http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/>.

Assignments and Grading Policy

GRADING

Exams.....	50%
Test Yourself Study Guide.....	15%
Science Daily.....	35%
Total	100%

DO NOT trust the final total you see on Canvas.

Calculate your current grade yourself.

Use this formula:

$(AVG \text{ Tests } \times .5) + (\text{Test Yourself } \times .15) + (AVG \text{ Science Daily } \times .35)$

Course Grading Scale (% of Total Points):

A+ 96-100%	B+ 86-89%	C+ 76-79%	D+ 66-69%	F <60%
A 93-95%	B 83-85%	C 73-75%	D 63-65%	
A- 90-92%	B- 80-82%	C- 70-72%	D- 60-62%	

University Policies

Academic integrity

Students should know that the University's [Academic Integrity Policy](http://sa.sjsu.edu/judicial_affairs/faculty_and_staff/academic_integrity/index.html) is available at http://sa.sjsu.edu/judicial_affairs/faculty_and_staff/academic_integrity/index.html. Your own commitment to learning, as evidenced by your enrollment at San Jose State University and the University's integrity policy, require you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. The [Student Conduct and Ethical Development website](http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/judicial_affairs/index.html) is available at http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/judicial_affairs/index.html.

Instances of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Cheating on exams or plagiarism (presenting the work of another as your own, or the use of another person's ideas without giving proper credit) will result in a failing grade and sanctions by the University. For this class, all assignments are to be completed by the individual student unless otherwise specified. If you would like to include in your assignment any material you have submitted, or plan to submit for another class, please note that SJSU's Academic Policy F06-1 requires approval of instructors.

Campus Policy in Compliance with the American Disabilities Act

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. Presidential Directive 97-03 requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must register with the [Disability Resource Center](http://www.drc.sjsu.edu/) (DRC) at <http://www.drc.sjsu.edu/> to establish a record of their disability.

Learning Assistance Resource Center (Optional)

The Learning Assistance Resource Center (LARC) is located in Room 600 in the Student Services Center. It is designed to assist students in the development of their full academic potential and to motivate them to become self-directed learners. The center provides support services, such as skills assessment, individual or group tutorials, subject advising, learning assistance, summer academic preparation and basic skills development. The [LARC website](http://www.sjsu.edu/larc/) is located at <http://www.sjsu.edu/larc/>.

SJSU Writing Center

The SJSU Writing Center is located in Room 126 in Clark Hall. It is staffed by professional instructors and upper-division or graduate-level writing specialists from each of the seven SJSU colleges. Our writing specialists have met a rigorous GPA requirement, and they are well trained to assist all students at all levels within all disciplines to become better writers. The [Writing Center website](http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/about/staff/) is located at <http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/about/staff/>.

Peer Mentor Center

The Peer Mentor Center is located on the 1st floor of Clark Hall in the Academic Success Center. The Peer Mentor Center is staffed with Peer Mentors who excel in helping students manage university life, tackling problems that range from academic challenges to interpersonal struggles. On the road to graduation, Peer Mentors are navigators, offering “roadside assistance” to peers who feel a bit lost or simply need help mapping out the locations of campus resources. Peer Mentor services are free and available on a drop-in basis, no reservation required. The [Peer Mentor Center website](http://www.sjsu.edu/muse/peermentor/) is located at <http://www.sjsu.edu/muse/peermentor/>

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The schedule is subject to change. Notification will be by email and class announcement.

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	July 9	Welcome & Logistics Intro History & Schools of Thought Biological, Computational, & Behavioral Research Juola & Koshino Ch. 1 Textbook Test Yourself Ch. 1
2	July 11	Neurons Juola & Koshino Ch. 2 pg. 24-31, 34-38, 42-57 Textbook Test Yourself Ch. 2 Rama Chap 1 & 2 Gleik <i>The Information</i> Cobb <i>Why Your Brain is Not a Computer</i>
3	July 16	Vision I Juola & Koshino Ch.2, pg 32-33, 39-41, Ch. 3 Rama Chap 3
4	July 18	Vision II Juola & Koshino Ch.3 Textbook Test Yourself Ch. 3 Rama Chap 4, 5 TEST 1 History & Neuro & Vision I & II
5	July 23	Attention Juola & Koshino Ch. 5
6	July 25	Attention Con't Juola & Koshino Ch. 5 Textbook Test Yourself Ch. 5 Rama Chap 6, 7 <i>Readings on Attention</i> TEST 2 Attention
7	July 30	Memory: Encoding, Storing, Retrieving Short-Term Memory, Serial Position Curve Juola & Koshino Ch. 6 Textbook Test Yourself Ch. 6
8	Aug 1	Working Memory & Mneumonics

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		Long-Term Memory & False Memories & Flashbulb Memories Juola & Koshino Ch. 7 – 8 Textbook Test Yourself Ch. 7 & 8 TEST 3 Memory
9	Aug 6	Language Juola & Koshino Ch. 9 Textbook Test Yourself Ch. 9
11	Aug 8	Language Con't Juola & Koshino Ch. 9 Textbook Test Yourself Ch. 9 TEST 4 Language