

PSYC40003 Current Topics in Cognitive Psychology

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| Credit Points: | 12.50 |
| Level: | 4 (Undergraduate) |
| Dates & Locations: | 2012, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: July, Parkville - Taught on campus. |
| Time Commitment: | Contact Hours: Thirty-six hours of lectures and/or seminars. Total Time Commitment: Estimated total time commitment of 120 hours. |
| Prerequisites: | No prerequisites are required for this subject |
| Corequisites: | No corequisites are required for this subject |
| Recommended Background Knowledge: | An accredited psychology major sequence |
| Non Allowed Subjects: | There are no non allowed subjects |
| Core Participation Requirements: | For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards of Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit Website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/ |
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| Subject Overview: | In this subject key theoretical issues of contemporary interest in cognitive psychology are addressed. Relevant theoretical and empirical articles being discussed and evaluated. Topics will be selected from the following: sensation and perception; theories of brain function; memory; consciousness, music & neuroimaging. |
| Objectives: | The subject aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # understand current theories about thought processes and how those theories have been shaped by the use of human behavioural techniques # develop an understanding of the experimental techniques and methods of analysis used to investigate cognitive processes # develop scientific writing skills to communicate the results of behavioural experiments to study cognition |
| Assessment: | Written work of no more than 2000 words (50%) to be completed during semester. A take-home examination of no more than 1500 words made up of essay questions set by lecturers involved in the subject (50%). Questions are to be handed out in week 11 and answers are to be submitted in the examination period. |
| Prescribed Texts: | There are no prescribed texts |

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| Recommended Texts: | There are no recommended text books. |
| Breadth Options: | This subject is not available as a breadth subject. |
| Fees Information: | Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees |
| Generic Skills: | On completion of this subject,students will have developed <ul style="list-style-type: none"># critical thinking skills# an ability to evaluate advanced research topics# oral presentation skills# research skills including accessing web-based material |
| Related Course(s): | Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Psychology Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology |
| Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations: | Psychology |