

**Common Course Outline**  
**PSYC 213**  
**Cognitive Psychology**  
3 Semester Hours

**The Community College of Baltimore County**

**Description**

Cognitive Psychology

Introduces methods of investigation, theoretical perspectives, and research findings; examines memory, language, perception, information processing, and thought; emphasizes the interrelationship between theory and experimentation.

Prerequisite: PSYC 101

**Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Create a theoretical framework for considering fundamental issues in cognitive psychology
2. Explain how information is perceived, processes, and remembered
3. Discuss how cognitive psychologists approach the study of human thought
4. Apply scientific approaches toward an understanding of cognitive process and information processing
5. Evaluate the use of experimentation to determine the validity of contrasting theoretical positions
6. Analyze and critically evaluate speculations they encounter regarding memory, language, and thought
7. Apply the knowledge they acquire about reasoning, problem solving, and related mental processing to better understand their own capabilities
8. Explain the relationship between cognitive process and observable behavior

**Major Topics**

1. Memory: Sensory registers
2. Memory: Attention
3. Memory: Working memory
4. Memory: Long Term memory; remembering and forgetting
5. Memory: The structure of knowledge
6. Memory: Imagery
7. Language: Viewpoint of linguists and psycholinguist
8. Language: Comprehension
9. Language: Reading and sign language
10. Thought: Problem solving
11. Thought: Reasoning

12. Thought: Conceptual thinking

### **Course Requirements**

Evaluation and student feedback in this course may combine several of the following formats:

1. Tests/Quizzes
2. Research papers
3. Oral presentations
4. Cooperative learning group assignments
5. Classroom participation

### **Other Course Information**

This course is an elective in the psychology department, and is a recommended course within the transfer pattern.

Lab and computer assignments may be included in the course content

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