SYLLABUS Advanced Topics in Cognitive Psyc: Research in Memory PSYC 420 – W2021

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1.0 Land Acknowledgment

I will begin this syllabus by acknowledging that Queen's is situated on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee territory. We are grateful to be able to live, learn and teach on these lands. By acknowledging this traditional territory, we recognize its history and its significance for the Indigenous Peoples who lived and continue to live, upon it.

2.0 Diversity and Inclusion

In this class, it is my goal to ensure that students from all backgrounds have a great learning experience, and that everyone feels valued, respected, and welcome. The class will represent a diversity of individuals, identities, beliefs, backgrounds and experiences. The diversity of experiences that the students bring to this class will be viewed as a resource, strength and benefit. With this, *students in this class are encouraged to speak up and participate* during class meetings, and *every member of this class must show respect to every other member of this class.*

3.0 Course Summary

In this course you will gain an in-depth understanding of the literature studying memory from multiple methods, approaches and theoretical perspectives. You will learn about research exploring the mechanisms that allow us to learn and store memories, as well as how we retrieve them and update them as a result of new information. Along the way, you will gain a hands-on perspective about how experiments in this area are conceptualized, how one can build functional experiments using online tools, and how data are ultimately collected.

4.0 Learning Outcomes

In this course, you will learn to:

- Comprehend the literature surrounding human memory, covering multiple approaches and theoretical perspectives.
- Summarize primary literature detailing how we store, retrieve and update memories as a result of new information.
- Critically evaluate current experimental literature, and creatively generate ideas for future experiments
- Gain critical competency in conceptualizing experiments and designing them using online tools

5.0 Weekly Structure of the Course

Each week (after the first one) will go in-depth about a given focal area within research in human memory, supported by two to three papers. Content will be posted for each week by the preceding Saturday morning.

- Before the start of *each week*, an update about the events of the week will be posted, and there will be often be a short introduction posted to the topic, with some relevant background.
- On *some programming weeks* (indicated <u>in a later section</u>), there will also be a file posted, which contains the necessary program and stimuli to run an online experiment, sometimes with a problem that needs to be fixed.
- You will be assigned to groups of 5-7 students, who will interact more closely with one another each week.
- Every Wednesday (by noon EST), a short response (see details in a later section) is due. This is either a
 response to both of the papers for the week, and if it's a programming week a reflection on your experience
 viewing, fixing, or eventually trying out an experiment.
- Every Wednesday (by 23:59 EST), a member of each group will post a short (< 3min) video <u>critique or extension</u> (see details in a later section) of one or both of the papers. NOTE: Each student will fill this role only <u>twice</u> in a semester.

- Every Thursday (16:00-17:30 EST) we will meet synchronously to discuss the two papers for the week. Each student will act as <u>discussion leader (see details in a later section)</u> once in a semester. All other students are expected to <u>participate (see details in a later section)</u>.
- Every Friday (by 17:00 EST), the members of each group who did not post the critique or extension must submit a short (< 1min) reaction video (see details in a later section) to their group member's critique or extension

6.0 Reading Materials (see later section for full list)

There is no textbook. Instead, you will read 2-3 papers each week related to the week's topic (see full list in a later section). Links that were functional at time of posting are provided for all, but if they do not work, all of these papers should be searchable online using your research skills. Try Google Scholar, PubMed, plain old Google (or similar) search, or from the author's laboratory website. If you have difficulty, please reach out to your peers on the discussion board on OnQ, which the instructor will also monitor.

7.0 Assessment Summary (see below for details)

<u>Responses</u>	15%
Discussion Leader	20%
Participation	15%
Critique/Extend	15%
Group Reactions	10%
Final Project	25%

8.0 Grading

All components of this course will receive numerical percentage marks. The final grade you receive for the course will be derived by converting your numerical course average to a letter grade according to Queen's Official Grade Conversion Scale:

Grade	Numerical Range	Grade Point Equivalent
A+	90 - 100	4.3
А	85 - 89	4.0
A-	80 - 84	3.7
B+	77 - 79	3.3
В	73 - 76	3.0
B-	70 - 72	2.7
C+	67 - 69	2.3
С	63 - 66	2.0
C-	60 - 62	1.7
D+	57 - 59	1.3
D	53 - 56 1.0	
D-	50 - 52	0.7
F	49 and below	0.0

9.0 Assessments

9.1 Responses [15%]

Each week (**by Wednesdays at noon**), you will need to submit a response via OnQ. The purpose of these responses is to ensure that you have read the papers and/or done the programming exercise for the week and thought about them. The response should clearly indicate that you have thought about the topic, the papers and their findings *beyond* the surface level. In other words, it **should not** contain a summary of the findings, but it **should** contain some reflection on the broader significance of the paper or topic. For example, it could include a potential area of improvement you noticed, an unresolved question, a follow-up experiment idea, or an insight as to how it connects to other papers (in the course or otherwise).

If it **is not** a Programming Week, your Response will simply be about the topic and papers. If it **is** a Programming week, a lab.js experiment file will have been posted during the prior week, with some details about what to do with it. This may involve exploring the task design, finding and making small changes, or running yourself through the final version of the experiment. In these weeks, you should incorporate into your Response a brief description of the steps you took, or some reflection on your experience with the task.

The Responses should be less than 300 words, except when they are in programming weeks, where they *can* be (but need not be) up to 500 words. If any student would prefer to make an infographic slide, a short video (< 3 min) or a short audio recording (< 3 min), that is also acceptable. *NOTE: This is not required or preferred, but simply included as an option to give students more alternatives to express their thoughts.*

Your 9 best grades out of 11 total Responses will be counted. Automatic extensions of one day will be allowed for these Responses.

9.2 Discussion Leader [20%]

Live sessions are on Thursdays, and we will cover all of the papers presented for the week. These sessions will take place via <u>Zoom</u>, and links and/or passwords will be posted on OnQ each week. If you are a Discussion Leader for the week (see Presentation Schedule), you are responsible for presenting your assigned paper and facilitating a discussion about it. The purpose of acting as discussion leader is to practice your ability to synthesize and explain to others the purpose and critical findings of primary literature (Learning Goals 1 and 2). The course is built around these presentations and discussions, so it is important to be prepared. Your presentation *should* summarize at a high level what the purpose of the study was (including some basic background), the experimental design and predictions, the findings, and the results. In some journals (e.g. *Science*), the description of the method is written up in a separate "Supplementary Information", or "Supporting Online Material" document. You can assume that all of your peers have read the paper, but your responsibility is to be the 'expert' on this paper. During and after your presentation, you will act as a moderator for the group discussion. In general, these should be very freely flowing and involve your peers and the instructor bringing up questions or concerns about the paper. You should be prepared to answer these questions. However, in your role as discussion leader, it is your job to be prepared with discussion points to provoke conversation if it is lacking.

Each paper will be allocated approximately 25 minutes. The presentation should be Powerpoint, Keynote, or Google Slides, and the slides should be submitted to the instructor prior to the live session. Alongside your slides, you will also be asked to provide a list of 5 potential discussion questions. Anticipate a lot of discussion, including interruptions. What this means is that your planned, uninterrupted presentation *should not* take up the entire allocated time, but rather, only about 10 minutes (i.e. allow time for questions and discussion).

Some of these papers are complex! The instructor *expects* questions and clarifications. However, these must be asked well before the presentation approaches. If you are the Discussion Leader for the week, you can expect replies to questions within 24 hours of sending them via email.

9.3 Participation [15%]

Participation is very important in any seminar class, and even more critical when we are all remote. This course is meant for the sharing of ideas, and we will want to hear all of your perspectives. As an added bonus, speaking up in class makes the class more interesting and exciting! We'll be using the "Raise Hand" feature on Zoom and the instructor will moderate, and you will be graded on the basis of your contributions to our weekly group meetings. Note that this is not a situation where you **must** say a certain number of things every class. Too often this type of requirement forces people to provide input when they would not otherwise. People's interests and experiences vary, and inherently, you will find some papers more interesting and thought-provoking than others. You should not comment just to comment. Your engagement with your Group via Reactions will also be considered in scoring your participation. See also, the Discussion/Participation Guidelines.

9.4 Critique/Extend [15%]

Because these sessions are shorter than would be typical for a seminar, we will use Flipgrid to complement our synchronous discussions. Twice a semester (assigned, see Presentation Schedule), you will be required to post a < 3 minute Flipgrid video that critiques and/or proposes a follow-up to one of the papers. Think of this less like a formal presentation, and more like an extended comment on the week's topic. The members of your group will then submit a shorter response to your video (see next section).

Automatic extensions of 24 hrs will be allowed for these Videos.

9.5 Reactions [10%]

Again, because these sessions are shorter than would be typical for a seminar, we will use Flipgrid to complement our synchronous discussions. Each week, you will view you're the Critique/Extend video from one member of your Group, and submit a shorter response < 1 minute on Flipgrid. Think of this less like a formal presentation, and more like carrying on the discussions we started on in the Critique/Extend videos or in the synchronous sessions. This will also contribute to your Participation grade.

Automatic extensions of two days will be allowed for these Reactions.

9.6 Final Project [25%]

Your final project is a Research Proposal (*Due Apr 5th by 23:49 EST*). The standard form of this (read on for alternatives) is a written document that is < 2500 words (~10 pages, double-spaced, *excluding* references). Choose a topic of interest in human learning and memory. This can be one of the topics covered in class, or a topic of your own choosing. The Proposal should cover the prior literature on the topic, and a proposed new experiment. It should be clear from your coverage of the prior literature why an experiment like yours is needed, and how the existing research motivated your experimental question. Your detailing of your proposed experiment should be clear enough that one could design and run the experiment you proposed and understand the predictions. *Optionally*, you can submit a rough, high level description of your plan for comments by *Mar 5th by 23:59 EST*. This should be no longer than 250 words, but should include the subject area, a few papers that inspired your direction, and a short description of the methods and predictions. It's okay if your plan changes completely between this date and the final due date.

As an alternative, you can write a shorter (~1500 words) coverage of the prior literature, and design a <u>research poster</u> that describes the methods, predictions and anticipated results, **OR** write a shorter coverage of the prior literature (~1500 words), provide a lab.js experiment (Exported for offline use), and a summary of predictions. *NOTE: These* are not required or preferred, but simply included as an option to give students more alternatives to express their thoughts.

Automatic extensions of four days will be allowed for this Final Project.

10.0 Discussion/Participation Guidelines

University is a place to share, question and challenge ideas. Each student brings a different lived experience from which to draw upon. To help one another learn the most we can from this experience please consider the following guidelines.

- 1. Make a personal commitment to learn about, understand, and support your peers.
- 2. Assume the best of others and expect the best of them.
- 3. Acknowledge the impact of oppression on the lives of other people and make sure your writing is respectful and inclusive.
- 4. Recognize and value the experiences, abilities, and knowledge each person brings.
- 5. Pay close attention to what your peers write before you respond. Think through and reread your writings before you post or send them to others.
- 6. It's ok to disagree with ideas, but do not make personal attacks.
- 7. Be open to being challenged or confronted on your ideas and to challenging others with the intent of facilitating growth. Do not demean or embarrass others.
- 8. Encourage others to develop and share their ideas.

11.0 Academic Integrity

Queen's University is dedicated to creating a scholarly community free to explore a range of ideas, to build and advance knowledge, and to share the ideas and knowledge that emerge from a range of intellectual pursuits.

Queen's students, faculty, administrators and staff all have responsibilities for upholding the fundamental values of academic integrity; honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility and courage (see <u>www.academicintegrity.org</u>). These values are central to the building, nurturing and sustaining of an academic community in which all members of the community will thrive. Adherence to the values expressed through academic integrity forms a foundation for the "freedom of inquiry and exchange of ideas" essential to the intellectual life of the University (see the Senate Report on Principles and Priorities <u>http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/policies/senate/report-principles-and-priorities</u>). Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the regulations concerning academic integrity and for ensuring that their assignments and their behaviour conform to the principles of academic integrity. Information on academic integrity is available in the Arts and Science Calendar (see Academic Regulation 1

<u>http://www.queensu.ca/artsci/academiccalendars/regulations/academic-regulations/regulation-1</u>), on the Arts and Science website (see <u>https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/students-at-queens/academic-integrity</u>), and from the instructor of this course. Departures from academic integrity include plagiarism, use of unauthorized materials, facilitation, forgery and falsification, and are antithetical to the development of an academic community at Queen's. Given the seriousness of these matters, actions which contravene the regulation on academic integrity carry sanctions that can range from a warning or the loss of grades on an assignment to the failure of a course to a requirement to withdraw from the university.

12.0 Accommodation Statement

Queen's University is committed to achieving full accessibility for people with disabilities. Part of this commitment includes arranging academic accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure they have an equitable opportunity to participate in all of their academic activities. The Senate Policy for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities was approved at Senate in November 2016 (see

https://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/sites/webpublish.queensu.ca.uslcwww/files/files/policies /senateandtrustees/ACADACCOMMPOLICY2016.pdf). If you are a student with a disability and think you may need academic accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact the Queen's Student Accessibility Services (QSAS) and register as early as possible. For more information, including important deadlines, please visit the QSAS website at:

http://www.queensu.ca/studentwellness/accessibility-services/

13.0 Academic Considerations for Extenuating Circumstances

Queen's University is committed to providing academic consideration to students experiencing extenuating circumstances that are beyond their control and are interfering with their ability to complete academic requirements related to a course for a short period of time. The Senate Policy on Academic Consideration for Students in Extenuating Circumstances is available at:

http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/sites/webpublish.queensu.ca.uslcwww/files/files/policies/senateandtrustees/Academic %20Considerations%20for%20Extenuating%20Circumstances%20Policy%20Final.pdf. Each Faculty has developed a protocol to provide a consistent and equitable approach in dealing with requests for academic consideration for students facing extenuating circumstances. Arts and Science undergraduate students can find the Faculty of Arts and Science protocol and the portal where a request can be submitted at: http://www.queensu.ca/artsci/accommodations. Students in other Faculties and Schools who are enrolled in this course should refer to the protocol for their home Faculty.

14.0 Turnitin Statement

***NOTE:** You are free to object to the use of Turnitin, if you let the instructor know via email by Jan 15th. Alternate arrangements will be made to ensure the integrity of the work.

This course makes use of Turnitin, a third-party application that helps maintain standards of excellence in academic integrity. Normally, students will be required to submit their course assignments through onQ to Turnitin. In doing so, students' work will be included as source documents in the Turnitin reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism.

Turnitin is a suite of tools that provide instructors with information about the authenticity of submitted work and facilitates the process of grading. Turnitin compares submitted files against its extensive database of content, and produces a similarity report and a similarity score for each assignment. A similarity score is the percentage of a document that is similar to content held within the database. Turnitin does not determine if an instance of plagiarism has occurred. Instead, it gives instructors the information they need to determine the authenticity of work as a part of a larger process.

Please read <u>Turnitin's Privacy Pledge</u>, <u>Privacy Policy</u>, and <u>Terms of Service</u>, which governs users' relationship with Turnitin. Also, please note that Turnitin uses cookies and other tracking technologies; however, in its service contract with Queen's Turnitin has agreed that neither Turnitin nor its third-party partners will use data collected through cookies or other tracking technologies for marketing or advertising purposes. For further information about how you can exercise control over cookies, see <u>Turnitin's Privacy Policy</u>:

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15.0 Privacy Statement for FlipGrid

This course makes use of Flipgrid.com for Critiques and Extensions, as well as reactions to them. Be aware that by logging into the site, you will be leaving onQ, and accessing Flipgrid's website. Your independent use of that site, beyond what is required for the course (for example, purchasing the company's products), is subject to Flipgrid's terms of use and privacy policy. You are encouraged to review these documents, using the link(s) below, before using the site. https://legal.flipgrid.com/

We	ek: Dates	Торіс	Readings	Assessments	
1	Jan 11-15	Organizational Meeting	NA	NA	
2	Jan 18-22	Improving Encoding	Craik & Lockhart, 1972 ¹ Roediger, 1980 ²	Programming Response #1 due Introduce self on FlipGrid	
3	Jan 25-29	Encoding in the Brain	Kuhl, Rissman & Wagner, 2012 ³ Xue et al., 2010 ⁴	Topic Response #1 due Group Reaction #1 due	
4	Feb 01-05	(Re)consolidation	Nadel & Moscovitch, 1997 ⁵ Hupbach et al., 2007 ⁶ Wilhelm et al., 2011 ⁷	Topic Response #2 due Group Reaction #2 due	
5	Feb 08-12	Remembering	Parker, Cahill & McGaugh, 2006 ⁸ Roediger & Karpicke, 2006 ⁹	Programming Response #2 due Group Reaction #3 due	
6	Feb 15-19	READING WEEK			
7	Feb 22-26	Memory Quality	Boldini, Russo & Avons, 2004 ¹⁰ Wing, Ritchey & Cabeza, 2015 ¹¹	Topic Response #3 due Group Reaction #4 due	
8	Mar 01-05	Retrieval in the Brain	Polyn et al., 2005 ¹² Johnson et al., 2009 ¹³	(optional) Final Project review due Programming Response #3 due Group Reaction #5 due	
9	Mar 08-12	Association and Prediction	Bein et al., 2020 ¹⁴ Kim et al., 2014 ¹⁵ Uitvlugt & Healey, 2019 ¹⁶	Topic Response #4 due Group Reaction #6 due	
10	Mar 15-19	Failures and Forgetting	Sahakyan & Kelley, 2002 ¹⁷ Anderson, Bjork & Bjork, 2000 ¹⁸	Programming Response #4 due Group Reaction #7 due	
11	Mar 22-26	Learning-related Change	Bakker et al., 2008 ¹⁹ Schlichting, Mumford & Preston, 2015 ²⁰ Favila, Chanales & Kuhl, 2016 ²¹	Topic Response #5 due Group Reaction #8 due	
12	Mar 29-Apr 02	Dynamics and Interactions	Duncan, Sadanand & Davachi, 2012 ²² Yoo et al., 2012 ²³	Topic Response #6 due Group Reaction #9 due	
13	Apr 05-09	Odds and ends	Addis, Wong & Schacter, 2007 ²⁴ Clark & Squire, 2013 ²⁵	Final Project due Topic Response #7 due Group Reaction #10 due	

16.0 Course Schedule

17.0 Reading List

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