

Social Cognition - Web course

COURSE OUTLINE

This course is an introduction to cognition, an area of psychology that investigates the ways in which we acquire, store, create and use knowledge.

Cognition includes a wide range of mental processes that are used every day in almost all human activities.

These include attention, perception, memory, imagery, language, problem solving and Decision making. The objectives of this introductory course in Social Cognition will be to introduce the concepts and findings of the field particularly social setting.

It will also provide you with an overview of the theoretical and empirical approaches. Our goals are to understand

1. The representations and processes in our minds that underwrite these capabilities, and
2. How they are implemented in the underlying hardware, the human brain. Stated more simply, our goal is to understand how the mind works, and how the brain works to produce such a mind.

Trying to understand our own minds is one of the most ambitious and exciting projects in all of sciences. This course will introduce you to some of the major tools, assumptions, and theories from a cognitive and cognitive-neuroscience perspective, and expose you to some of the more important results obtained thus far.

COURSE DETAIL

Sl. No	Session Title	Questions
1	Introduction.	1
2	History of Cognitive Psychology.	2
3	Applications of Cognitive Psychology.	2
4	Cognitive Neuroscience.	2
5	Perception.	2
6	Attention –I.	1
7	Attention –II.	2
8	Mental Representation & Categorization.	3



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Additional Reading:

1. Gazzaniga MS, Ivry RB, & Mangun GR (2002). *Cognitive neuroscience: The biology of the mind* (2nd Ed.). New York: Norton. [GIM].

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9	Memory-I.	2
10	Memory-II.	2
11	Working Memory.	2
12	Social Attribution-I.	2
13	Social Attribution-II.	2
14	Cross-Culture perspective on cognition.	3
15	Language-I.	2
16	Language-II.	2
17	Decision Making-I.	2
18	Decision Making-II.	2
19	Social Cognition-I.	2
20	Social Cognition-II.	2
	Total	42

References:

1. [Susan T Fiske](#) and [Shelley E Taylor](#) (2007). **Social Cognition**. McGraw-Hill, ISBN-13: 978-0073405520.
2. Kellogg, R.T. (2007). **Fundamental of Cognitive Psychology**. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, INC. ISBN 9781-4129-3692-7.
3. Andrew W. Ellis, Andrew W. Young (1996). **Human Cognitive Neuropsychology**. Psychology Press, ISBN: 978-0-86377-715-8.