

Faculty: Faculty of Law
Department: Psychology
Professional area: Psychology
Major: Psychology
Educational-and-qualification Degree: Master

COURSE DESCRIPTION

1. Course unit title: Cognitive Psychology
2. Course unit code: PSY 3006
3. Type of course unit: compulsory
4. Level of course unit: Master
5. Year of study: first
6. Semester: first
7. Number of ECTS credits allocated: 6
8. Name of lecturer: Prof. Galya Gercheva, D.Sc.
9. Learning outcomes of the course unit: acquired concept apparatus in the field of Cognitive Psychology; developed skills for analyzing, comparing and summarizing theoretical facts in the field of Cognitive Psychology; developed skills for studying and analyzing experimental facts which prove basic regularities of cognitive psychological processes; developed critical thinking in appreciating psychological facts and regularities.
10. Mode of delivery: face-to-face
11. Prerequisites and co-requisites: Basic knowledge in the field of Introduction to Psychology.
12. Course contents: Emergence of Cognitive Psychology – analysis of historical prerequisites. Sensing the world – basic characteristics of sensory cognition. Sensation thresholds, sensitivity, sensory adaptation, interaction of senses. Perception – basic characteristics of perceptual cognition. Perceptual organization - the Gestalt psychology researches. Attention – basic attributes and features. Functions of attention in the process of cognition. Memory. Basic memory patterns. Thinking – nature and basic characteristics of abstract-logical cognition. Problem-solving – character, strategies and obstacles. Decision-making – character and obstacles. Thinking images and creative thinking. Imagination – specifics of cognition provided through imaginary products. Language and speech. Learning as cognition. Classical conditioning. Operant conditioning. Intelligence – character and development.
13. Recommended and/or required reading:
В и г о т с к и, Л. С. Избрани психологически произведения. С., Псидо ЕООД, 2005 .
Е н ц и к л о п е д и я по психология енциклопедия. С. „Наука и изкуство” 1998
С и й м ъ н, Д.Д., Кенрик, Д.Т. Психология. С., НБУ, 2002
С т а н о в и ч, К. Нека мислим правилно за психологията. С., Изд. „Изток-Запад”, 2010
Х р и с т о м а т и я по психология на познанието. Съст. Л. Андреева, С., НСА, 1998
Ш у л ц, Д.П., Шулц, С.Е. История на модерната психология. С., Изд. „Наука и изкуство”, 2006.
Г е р р и г, Р., Зимбардо, Ф. Психология и жизнь. Санкт Петербург, „Потер”, 2004
З а л е в с к и й, Г. В. и др. Краткий русско-англо-немецкий словарь по психологии : с указателями английских и немецких терминов. М., Академия, 2007
Л у р и я, А.Р. Лекции по общей психологии. Санкт- Петербург, „Питер”, 2007
М а й е р с, Д. Психология. Мн. „Попурри”, 2006
М а к л а к о в, А.Г. Общая психология. Санкт Петербург, „Питер”, 2006
С о л с о, Р.Л. Когнитивная психология, М. „Тривола”, 1996
С а r e y, Susan. The Origin of Concepts. Oxford, University press, 2009

H o w e, Mark L. The Nature of Early Memory: An Adaptive Theory of the Genesis and Development of Memory. Oxford, University press, 2011

I n f a n t Perception and Cognition: Recent Advances, Emerging Theories, and Future Directions. Ed. by Oakes, Lisa M. et al. Oxford, University press, 2011

M a t l i n, Margaret W. Cognitive Psychology : International Student Version. London, John Wiley & Sons, 2009

M y e r s, D. G. Psychology. Worth Publishers, Inc., New York 1995

14. Planned learning activities and teaching methods: Lectures and case studies.

15. Assessment methods and criteria: The final grade is the average of the grades in 15.1 and 15.2:

15.1. Continuous semester assessment:

- writing and presentation of course assignments – up to 3 for the semester
- participation in seminars on a regular basis - stating a personal view in at least four of them;
- successful participation in a colloquium;

15.2. Written semester examination – a test comprising questions from the lecture material and the seminars. The test is successfully passed if more than 50% of the tasks are done.

16. Language of instruction: Bulgarian, English

17. Work placement: none