Subject Description Form

Subject Code	APSS 5060				
Subject Title	Advanced Cognitive Psychology				
Credit Value	3				
Level	5				
Pre-requisite /	Nil				
Co-requisite/ Exclusion					
Assessment Methods	1. Attendance & participation 2. Seminar Presentation 3. Individual Written Paper 4. Final test • The grade is calculated as a signments are required • Students must pass all co	submission of for passing the su	all component bject; and		
Objectives	This subject covers a selected range of major construct and theories in cognitive psychology to help students understand some common cognitive processes. It is aimed at enabling students to gain more advanced experience of some of cognitive psychologists' studied issues through their own experimentation and analyses. The subject provides students with opportunity and supervision to engage in learning activities that can stimulate them to appreciate research findings on learning and methods of thinking. The class will also allow independent planning and execution of experiments. Finally, implications for clinical and educational contexts will be examined.				

Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:

- a. acquire knowledge of some common cognitive processes using multiple perspectives from major theories in cognitive psychology, recognizing the range of research methods, evidence and applications;
- b. identify and differentiate neuroscience and psychological theories of cognition;
- c. formulate research questions and make attempts to carry out empirical studies topics of interest in cognitive psychology;
- d. draw upon personal experiences of mental representations and to make links with the popular discussion of thinking methods and learning approaches.
- e. apply findings in clinical, social, educational and community settings and in Chinese context.

Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus

1. Introduction

- Cognitive psychology & cognitive science: definition and domain
- Information-processing model and parallel distributed processing model

2. Perception and Attention

- Perception and determinants of perception
- Attention processes and sensory experiences

3. Consciousness

- Research of implicit memory, sleep and amnesia
- Consciousness versus unconsciousness
- Changing conception & contemporary models of consciousness
- Functions of consciousness

_

4. Introduction

- Cognitive psychology & cognitive science: definition and domain
- Information-processing model and parallel distributed processing model

5. Perception and Attention

- Perception and determinants of perception
- Attention processes and sensory experiences

-

6. Consciousness

- Research of implicit memory, sleep and amnesia
- Consciousness versus unconsciousness
- Changing conception & contemporary models of consciousness
- Functions of consciousness

Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus

7. Introduction

- Cognitive psychology & cognitive science: definition and domain
- Information-processing model and parallel distributed processing model

8. Perception and Attention

- Perception and determinants of perception
- Attention processes and sensory experiences

9. Consciousness

- Research of implicit memory, sleep and amnesia
- Consciousness versus unconsciousness
- Changing conception & contemporary models of consciousness
- Functions of consciousness

10. Memory

- Short term memory, long term memory, and working memory
- Encoding, storage and retrieval in short term memory
- Durability and fallacy of long term memory

11. Representation of Knowledge

- Models of semantic memory
- Declarative knowledge and procedural knowledge in a proposed taxonomy of memory structure

12. Cognitive Development

- Cognitive development: Piaget's developmental stages of intelligence
- Comparison of Piaget and Vygotsky's cognitive development perspective
- Developmental changes in cognitive abilities throughout infancy to adulthood in information-acquisition skills, higher-order thinking

13. Thinking and Complex Cognition

- Thinking as a transformation process
- Concept formation
- Logic: deductive and inductive reasoning
- Human decision making: theories and heuristics
- Problem solving: top-down or hypothesis-driven processing
- Creativity: judgment criterion and capacity for nurturance
- 14. Applications to educational and clinical settings across different age ranges and different cultural contexts

Teaching/Learning Methodology

Face-to-face lectures, seminars and lab sessions 39 hours

TOTAL 39 hours

Rationale: The lectures will provide the opportunity to learn and consolidate the conceptual framework of the subject area. The lectures will also stimulate reflection on the applications to the subject area to the real world.

The lab session will promote appreciation of the experimental paradigm and methods of assessing cognition. The seminars will help to consolidate learning and enhance analytical and creative thinking as well as team collaboration in learning.

Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes

Specific assessment methods/tasks % weightin g		Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Pleasetick as appropriate)				
		a	b	c	d	e
Attendance & participation	10%	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2. Seminar presentation	20%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3. Individual paper	30%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4. Final test	40%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Total	100%					

Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:

Group project

Students are asked to form groups and present an empirical research paper on cognitive psychology.

Individual paper

Students are asked to write an essay to assess their understanding of key concepts of cognitive psychology.

Final test

The test will consist of both multiple-choice, short-answer, and essay questions. It will cover all course material.

Student Study	Class contact:		
Effort Expected	 Lecture and lab session 	39 Hrs	
	Other student study effort:		
	■ Self-study	46 Hrs	
	 Individual Written Paper and Group Presentation 	50 Hrs	
	Total student study effort	135 Hrs	
Reading List and References	Essential Textbook Goldstein, E. B. (2018). Cognitive psychology: Connecting mind, research and everyday experience (5 th edition). Cengage Learning. Recommended Textbooks Reed, S. K. (2013) Cognition: theories and applications (9 th edition.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, Cengage Learning. Robinson-Riegler, B. & Robinson-Riegler, G. (2017). Cognitive Psychology: Applying the Science of the Mind (4 th edition). New York, NY: Pearson Recommended Academic Journals Selected articles and special series in the following journals: 1. Nature Human Behaviour. 2. Cognition. 3. Psychological Science. 4. Journal of Experiment Psychology: General		