

Psychology (PSYC) 451

Human Neuropsychology (Revision 1)

Status: Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#) for the current revision ✕

Delivery mode: Individualized study online

Credits: 3

Areas of study: Arts or Social Science

Prerequisites: PSYC 302 or PSYC 402

Precluded: None

Challenge: PSYC 451 has a challenge for credit option.

Faculty: Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Overview

Psychology 451: Human Neuropsychology examines the neural substrates of human behaviour, including neuroanatomy, major methods in human brain research,

neurological disorders, neurobehavioural disorders, and classic neuropsychological syndromes.

Outline

Part I: Background

- Unit 1: The Development of Neuropsychology
- Unit 2: Research on the Origins of the Human Brain and Behaviour
- Unit 3: Nervous System Organization
- Unit 4: The Structure and Electrical Activity of Neurons
- Unit 5: Communication Between Neurons
- Unit 6: The Influence of Drugs and Hormones on Behaviour
- Unit 7: Imaging the Brain's Activity

Part II: Cortical Organization

- Unit 8: Organization of the Sensory Systems
- Unit 9: Organization of the Motor System
- Unit 10: Principles of Neurocortical Function
- Unit 11: Cerebral Asymmetry
- Unit 12: Variations in Cerebral Asymmetry

Part III: Cortical Functions

- Unit 13: The Occipital Lobes
- Unit 14: The Parietal Lobes
- Unit 15: The Temporal Lobes
- Unit 16: The Frontal Lobes
- Unit 17: Cortical Networks and Disconnection Syndromes

Part IV: Higher Functions


- Unit 18: Learning and Memory
- Unit 19: Language
- Unit 20: Emotion and the Social Brain

- Unit 21: Spatial Behaviour
- Unit 22: Attention and Consciousness

Part V: Plasticity and Disorders

- Unit 23: Brain Development and Plasticity
- Unit 24: Neurodevelopmental Disorders
- Unit 25: Plasticity, Recovery, and Rehabilitation of the Adult Brain
- Unit 26: Neurological Disorders
- Unit 27: Psychiatric and Related Disorders
- Unit 28: Neuropsychological Assessment

Evaluation

To **receive credit** for the course, you must complete all of these evaluation assignments. You must receive a grade of 50 percent or better on the final exam and a composite course grade of at least **D (50 percent)** . The weighting of assignments is as follows:

Activity	Weight
Five Quizzes (5% each)	25%
Term Paper Outline	Pass/Fail
Term Paper	35%
Final Exam	40%
Total	100%

The **final examination** for this course must be requested in advance and written under the supervision of an AU-approved exam invigilator. Invigilators include either ProctorU or an approved in-person invigilation centre that can accommodate online exams. Students are responsible for payment of any invigilation fees. Information on exam request deadlines, invigilators, and other exam-related questions, can be found at the **Exams and grades** section of the Calendar.

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#).

Materials

Kolb, B., & Whishaw, I. Q. (2021). *Fundamentals of human neuropsychology* (8th ed.). New York: Worth Publishers. (Print)

Other Materials

All other course materials are available online, including a study guide covering the entire course.


Challenge for credit

Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about **challenge for credit** can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Evaluation

To **receive credit** for the PSYC 451 challenge registration, you must achieve a grade of at least **D (50 percent)**  on the exam and a composite grade of D (50 percent).

Activity	Weight
Research Paper	40%
Exam	60%
Total	100%

 [Challenge for credit course registration form](#)

Important links

- [Academic advising](#)
- [Program planning](#)
- [Request assistance](#)
- [Support services](#)

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