

Syllabus
Human Memory (Psychology 124C) Fall 2009
Tues & Thurs 2:00-3:15, Franz Hall 3534

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Textbook: Baddeley, Eysenck, & Anderson (2009). *Memory*. Psychology Press.

<u>Week/Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Chapters (and readings)</u>
0. Sept 24	Introduction & Historical Review	1
1. Sept 29-Oct 1	Short-term & Working Memory	2, 3
2. Oct 6-8*	Encoding	4, 5
3. Oct 13-15*	Forgetting & Retrieval	8, 9
4. Oct 20-22*(A279)	Implicit Memory & Amnesia	11, reading (TBA)
5. Oct 27-29*	Metamemory	reading (TBA)
6. Nov 3-5*	Memory and Aging	12, 13, reading (TBA)
7. Nov 10-12*	Expertise, Applications	15, 16, reading (TBA)
8. Nov 17 (not 19)	Eyewitness Memory	14, reading(TBA)
9. Nov 24*(not 26)	Summary, Class Presentations	reading(TBA)
10. Dec 1-3	Class Presentations	

*=quiz date Paper due December 10, 5pm (via turnitin.com or email)

Grades: A=100-90 B+=89-88 B=87-80 C+=79-78 C=77-70 D+=69-68 D=67-60 F = Below 60

Quizzes (max = 60 points): There will be 7 quizzes, each given in class from Week 2 (Thurs Oct 8) through Week 9 (Tues Nov 24). Quizzes will be short-answer format. Any material from lectures or assigned readings before and including the quiz week may be tested on a quiz. Your six best scores will be counted for your grade. **No late quizzes or make-up quizzes will be given.** Each will count for a maximum of 10 points. The total possible points from quizzes will be 60 points.

Research Proposal and Presentation (max = 40 points): The paper will consist of a research proposal (**due Dec 10**) and brief in-class presentation. The paper will be worth a maximum of **30** points, and the oral presentation will count for **10** points. The aim of the paper is to review a topic/issue related to concepts or scientific principles of memory, and then propose new research/experiments that will further our understanding of this area. The paper must include a critical literature review, a description of the research questions, hypotheses, methods, predicted results, conclusions and summary, and references (6-8 pages in total, double spaced, APA format). The presentation is a short (5 mins) overview of your proposal, and it should be clear and concise. The following topics are acceptable for areas (but more specific topics should be addressed in the proposal); topics not on the list may also be acceptable, but please check with the instructor:

Memory and Aging	Mnemonics & Exceptional Memory
Memory and Emotion	Neuroimaging & Functional Mapping
Expertise and Memory	Biological Mechanisms of Memory
False Memory	Memory Disorders & Amnesia
Eyewitness Identification	Social Cognition and Memory
Memory Enhancement Procedures	Memory and Media, Culture
Advertising, Marketing & Memory	Theories of Forgetting
Memory and Education	Strategic Control of Memory
Metacognition/Metamemory	Decision Making and Memory