

Syllabus  
On-line quizzes

# Cognition (305:03, Prof. Feldman, Spring 2013)



**Course:** Cognition (Psychology 305:03, Index number 0350937)

**Professor:** Jacob Feldman, A125, Busch Psychology Annex ([email](#), [website](#))

and possibly guest lecturers.

**Class time and place:** Mondays and Thursdays, 8:40am—10:00am, SEC-117

Textbook: Medin, Ross & Markman (2005) *Cognitive Psychology*, Fourth Edition. John Wiley & Sons

Additional readings may be assigned over the course of the semester and posted on Sakai.

Course webpage: <http://rucss.rutgers.edu/~jacob/Cognition2013/>

Sakai page: [Click here](#)

Additional readings will be posted in Resources on the Sakai site.

**Professor's office hours:** Tuesdays, 11:00 - 12:00pm, A125, Room Psychology (Busch) Addition. Best to email me if you plan to visit.

Teaching Assistant: Shuqi Yang. Office hours: Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30, Psychology (Busch) 110.

## Exams and grading

1. (25% of grade) On-line quizzes: Sakai quizzes will be given occasionally, as announced in class and on Sakai. The rules for on-line quizzes can be found here.

Quizzes will be given during two weekly times (tentative):

Fridays, 8-11am

Fridays, 4-7pm

You must be available during one of these times in order to take each quiz. You can take each quiz during either time period.

2. (25% of grade) Midterm: March 14, in class

3. (10% of grade) Written assignments: Two brief essays (5% each) will be assigned over the course of the term.

4. (40% of grade) Final exam: Tuesday, May 14, 8-11pm, SEC-117 — *notice this is at NIGHT!*

## Policies

"Graduation insurance." If this is your last semester and you need to pass this course in order to graduate on time, email me before the midterm. If you don't ask before the midterm, "graduation insurance" will not be offered.

**Final grades are final.** Once grades are assigned after the final exam, grade changes will not be considered. Don't even ask. If you are having trouble with the material before that, email me or come to office hours.

Academic integrity. Cheating and other violations of academic integrity will not be tolerated in this course. The university's policy on academic integrity can be found here.

**Weather alerts.** If there is bad weather (e.g., snow or threat of snow), class may be canceled, even if the university remains open. If so, I will send an email to the entire class and also post an announcement on Sakai. So if you suspect bad weather please check your email before coming to class.

### Schedule of topics (dates approximate)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Read</i>
Jan. 24	Welcome	
Jan. 28, 31	The mind as a machine	Turing article
Feb. 4, 7	Roots of cognitive psychology	MRM, Ch. 1
Feb. 11, 14	Perception	MRM, Ch. 3
Feb. 18, 21	Attention	MRM, Ch. 4
Feb. 25, 28	Memory 1	MRM, Ch. 5
Mar. 4, 7	Memory 2	MRM, Ch. 6
Mar. 11	Memory 3	MRM, Ch. 7
Mar. 14	Midterm	
Mar. 18, 21	Spring break—no class	
Mar. 25, 28	Memory 4	MRM, Ch. 8
1-Apr-04	Concepts and Categories	MRM, Ch. 10
Apr. 8, 11	Language	MRM, Ch. 9
Apr. 15, 18	Reasoning	MRM, Ch. 11
Apr. 22, 25	Problem Solving	MRM, Ch. 12
Apr. 29, May 2	Judgment and Decision Making	MRM, Ch. 14
6-May	Review Session	

Final: Tuesday, May 14, 8-11pm, SEC-117 (40% of grade) — *notice this is at NIGHT!*