

Psychology D50S

Current Topics in Memory and Cognition

Topic for 1996: Applied Aspects of Memory
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Text: Gruneberg, M. and Morris, P. (Eds.) 1992. **Aspects of Memory**, Volume 1: The practical aspects. Second edition. Routledge.

In this course we will examine various issues of "everyday memory" or "memory in the real world". The emphasis will be on how information about memory gained in the laboratory can be applied in real world situations. Each student is expected to come to class having read the assigned materials and prepared to discuss the day's topic. The grade for the course will be based on three components:

1. Two term tests, one on February 26 and the second during exam period

The two tests will comprise 75% of the grade.

2. An essay of approximately 15 pages (of text), double spaced, on a topic to be assigned. The essay will be worth 25% of the grade. The essay is due at the beginning of class, March 18. There will be a penalty for lateness.

TOPICS

January 8: Eyewitness memory
Chapt. 1 & 2

January 15: Face memory -- theory and practice
Chapt.3

January 22: Brain damage and memory disorders
Chapt.4

January 29: No class

February 5: Is the study of applied memory valid?
Readings from "American Psychologist" on reserve in library

February 12: Repressed memory for sexual abuse
Lindsay, D.S. and Read, J.D., 1994. Incest resolution
psychotherapy and memories of childhood sexual abuse: A cognitive
perspective. Applied Cognitive Psychology (on reserve in
library)

February 19: Reading Week

February 26: First Exam; Grades available before March 8

March 4: Bilingual Memory
Chapt. by M.Smith (1996) on reserve in library

March 11: Memory and Aging
Chapt.5

March 18: The facilitation of memory performance.
Chapt.6
The practical application of memory aids: Knowing how,
knowing when, and knowing when not.
Chapt.7

ESSAY DUE

March 25: Prospective Memory: Remembering to do things
Chapt.8

April 1: Autobiographical Memory
Chapt.9

April 8: Dyslexia
Article by Farmer & Klein (1995) on reserve in library

Exam period (April 22 to May 8): Second Exam