PSYCH 3120
Cognitive Psychology

What do we know about how and why we think the way we do?
How do academic models of cognition apply to my daily life?
What are the future directions of the study of the mind?

The goal of this course is to provide a foundational understanding upon which historical and current psychological concepts about human thinking abilities are contrived. This includes a historical view of highlighted cognitive theories and theorists as well as modern-day thinkers in the field. Students will visit topics that have led to current hypotheses about the mind. In addition, the course will prepare students to ponder future goals and cognitive science applications. By the end of the course, students will be able to understand the differences and similarities between landmark cognitive processing models, critically evaluate the assumptions that each of these models is based upon and discuss further applications of such models. In addition, students will be able to apply this foundational knowledge of cognitive psychology to specific examples provided by the instructor in an informative, comparative manner; students will be able to evaluate examples of thinking based upon cognitive theoretical models. This ability to relate academic knowledge of cognitive psychology to specific, real-world examples is a critical skill that will allow students to apply theory to every-day life.

This is an online course, which does not meet in-class.
For additional information, please visit http://uonline.utah.edu or call 585-5959.

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