

Psyc 364 Animal Cognition

Term II 2007-2008

Instructor: Professor Donald M. Wilkie

Office: Kenney 3507

Office Hours: By appointment

Phone: 604-822-4650

TA: Mr. Amit Shah

Office: Kenny 3512

Office Hours: TBA

Email: amit@psych.ubc.ca

Classes: MWF 10:00

Room: Buch B 219

Prerequisites: Psyc 363 or permission of instructor (normally granted)

Class Format: Lectures, with opportunity for discussion.

Evaluation: One essay midterm, one paper, and one essay final. Each counts for 33%. Probable midterm date is March 3. Paper due on date of Final Exam.

Text: Xeroxed journal articles (~\$25-30, available from TA once class size is determined)

Topics

Evolution and comparative cognition

Biology of learning and memory

Multiple memory systems

Timing and counting

Spatial memory

Attention

Concept formation

Problem solving and intelligence

Communication and language

Mind and consciousness

Psychology Department's Position on Academic Misconduct

Cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic misconduct are very serious concerns of the University, and the Department of Psychology has taken steps to alleviate them. In the first place, the Department has implemented software that can reliably detect cheating on multiple-choice exams by analyzing the patterns of students' responses. In addition, the Department subscribes to *TurnItIn*--a service designed to detect and deter plagiarism. All materials (term papers, lab reports, etc.) that students submit for grading will be scanned and compared to over 4.5 billion pages of content located on the Internet or in TurnItIn's own proprietary databases. The results of these comparisons are compiled into customized "Originality Reports" containing several, sensitive measures of plagiarism; instructors receive copies of these reports for every student in their class.

In all cases of suspected academic misconduct, the parties involved will be pursued to the fullest extent dictated by the guidelines of the University. Strong evidence of cheating or plagiarism may result in a zero credit for the work in question. According to the University Act (section 61), the President of UBC has the right to impose harsher penalties including (but not limited to) a failing grade for the course, suspension from the University, cancellation of scholarships, or a notation added to a student's transcript.

All graded work in this course, unless otherwise specified, is to be original work done independently by individuals. If you have any questions as to whether or not what you are doing is even a borderline case of academic misconduct, please consult your instructor. For details on pertinent University policies and procedures, please see Chapter 5 in the UBC Calendar (<http://students.ubc.ca/calendar>) and read the University's Policy 69 (available at <http://www.universitycounsel.ubc.ca/policies/policy69.html>).

Note: Grades may be scaled. There will be an inclass announcement is scaling is to be used.