

Course Title:	<b>Cognitive Psychology</b>
Course Code:	<b>PSYC681</b>
Descriptor Start Date:	<b>01/01/2026</b>
Descriptor End Date:	<b>31/05/2026</b>
POINTS:	<b>15.00</b>
LEVEL:	<b>6</b>
PREREQUISITE/S:	<b>PSYC580</b>
COREQUISITE/S:	
RESTRICTION/S:	

## LEARNING HOURS

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Hours may include lectures, tutorials, online forums, laboratories. Refer to your timetable and course information in Canvas for detailed information.

**Total learning hours: 150**

## PRESCRIPTOR

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Perception and memory are the processes through which we construct the representations of ourselves and the world which make up our minds. These representations guide subsequent perceptions, problem solving and decision making processes, both conscious and unconscious. Through language we relate to our social environment. Current theory and experimental research in cognitive psychology dealing with these concepts and processes will be covered, as well as applications in professional contexts.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Critically analyse the design of experiments used to develop and test models and theories of human cognition
2. Review and evaluate research findings and theoretical explanations in the following areas: Attention, perception and memory; Representation and organisation of knowledge, including memory systems, concepts, schemata, visual representations; Language acquisition and comprehension and higher cognitive processes such as creativity and problem solving, reasoning, and decision making.
3. Learn about real-world application of cognitive theory in a variety of contexts.

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## CONTENT

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Here is what is covered in the course:

The historical roots of cognitive psychology  
Experimental methods commonly employed to study cognitive processes  
Visual and auditory sensation and perception  
Attention and models of attentional processes  
Theories of memory systems and processes  
Language and thought  
Problem solving and creativity  
Reasoning and decision making

## LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

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An appropriate range of strategies that may include lectures, workshops & online learning.

## ASSESSMENT PLAN

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Assessment Event	Weighting %	Learning Outcomes
Lab report 1	20.00	1-3
Lab report 2	30.00	1-3
In class test	50.00	1-3

### Grade Map

#### MAP1

A+ A A- Pass with Distinction  
B+ B B- Pass with Merit  
C+ C C- Pass  
D Fail

### Overall requirement/s to pass the course:

Minimum C- to pass the course.

## LEARNING RESOURCES

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**For further information, contact:** Te Ara Kete Aronui - Faculty of Culture & Society

**Principal Programme:** AK3704, Bachelor of Arts

**Related Programme/s:** AK3704

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