

Course code: F_EN23-2026	Title of the course: Topics in Cognitive Psychology
Type of the course: Lecture	Level of the course: BA/MA
ECTS credits: 5	Language of instruction: English
How to apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For any international/exchange students: Please, add this course to your Online Learning Agreement and to your e-learning system (Neptun) • For any Hungarian students: Please, add this course to your Neptun 	
Prerequisites: 30 credits in Special Education or Education or Social Work or Psychology; good command of English	
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The course is offered within the following programme: international exchange study programme	
Course contents and learning outcome: <u>Topics:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The subject and methods of cognitive psychology</i> 2. <i>Sensation and perception</i> 3. <i>Attention</i> 4. <i>Learning 1: the inanimate environment</i> 5. <i>Learning 2: Mindreading</i> 6. <i>Memory</i> 7. <i>Problem solving, heuristics, and decision making</i> 8. <i>Mental imagery. Analog and propositional representation</i> 9. <i>Cognition and emotion; consciousness in cognitive psychology and neuroscience</i> 10. <i>Cognitive development from the point of view from cognitive psychology: nativism, constructivism, and core cognition</i> <u>Aims:</u> Our goal is to offer an overview of the key concepts and areas of research in cognitive psychology. Topics will be presented in a way which makes them potentially useful for studies in special education.	
Teaching and learning methods: Teaching and learning methods: Lecture, 2 hrs/wk	
Compulsory reading: Braisby, N., Gellatly, A. (2012). <i>Cognitive Psychology</i> . OUP	
Recommended reading : Sekuler, R., Blake, R. (2005). <i>Perception</i> . McGraw-Hill. Chapters Sternberg, R. <i>Cognitive Psychology</i> (2011). Wadsworth Cengage Learning.	
Assessment: Participants will be required to write a term paper at the end of term based on the course material and a few additional readings. The topic of the paper should connect to cognitive psychology, but can be chosen on the basis of individual interest. I will be happy to recommend additional readings if needed.	