Course Textbook:

Goldstein, B. E. (2015). *Cognitive psychology, connecting mind, research, and everyday experience*(4th. ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.

**A scholarly research paper focused on either learning or cognition, minimum of 12 pages in paper body length (not including the cover page or references page), double-spaced with 1" margins on all sides of each page, is required for this course. APA style formatting is required.**

**The assignment should include a title page, abstract, body of paper, and a separate page entitled "References" listing sources used and attached to the end.**

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