

**NEUROSCIENCE OF COGNITION
PSYCHOLOGY 334, SECTION 101
Winter 2023**

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COURSE FORMAT: The course is in-person.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The course will address current understanding of cognitive processes and the underlying substrates in the brain. Topics to be considered will include an examination of brain cellular development, neuroanatomy, neuroplasticity, sensory and motor function, and higher order cognitive areas (i.e., memory, decision making, language, and attention). As much as possible, lectures will attempt to balance theory, research, and neuropsychological cases in the understanding of the topics to be discussed.

COURSE PREREQUISITES:

6 credits of 200 – level PSYO or PSYC.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To foster a current understanding of brain-behaviour relationships as examined through research employing new and emerging investigative procedures and techniques
2. To bridge the relationship between scientific knowledge and practical application (i.e., neuropsychological assessment and treatment)
3. To encourage a critical evaluation of research of both theoretical and practical approaches to the study of higher cognitive function

REQUIRED TEXT: Kolb, B and Whishaw, I. (2021). **Fundamentals of Human Neuropsychology**. Eighth Edition, 41 Madison Avenue, New York, NY: Worth Publishers.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

TOPIC	PROPOSED DATES	REQUIRED READING
Introduction and Historical Background	January 10	Chapter 1
Neuroanatomy/Vascular System	January 17	Chapter 3
Neuronal Communication	January 24	Chapters 4, 5
Sensory/Motor Function	January 31	Chapters 8, 9
Exam 1	February 7	Lecture material supplemented by Chapters 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9
Attention	February 14	Chapter 22
Reading Break	February 21	
Memory	February 28	Chapter 18
Perception and Spatial Abilities	March 7	Chapter 13, 21
Exam 2	March 14	Lecture material supplemented by Chapters 13, 18, 21, and 22
Executive Function	March 21	Chapter 16
Emotions/Social Function	March 28	Chapter 20
Neurodevelopmental Disorders/Neuroplasticity	April 4	Chapter 24, 25
Neurological Disorders	April 11	26
FINAL EXAMINATION	TBA (EXAM PERIOD)	Lecture material supplemented by Chapters 16, 20, 24, 25, and 26

EVALUATION

Exam 1 - 25%

Exam 2 - 30%

Exam 3 (Final) - 30%

In class quizzes (10) - 15%

EXAMINATION

Examinations will consist of multiple choice, true/false, matching, or short answer questions. Examinations 2 and 3 (Final) will not be expressly cumulative; the emphasis will be on content covered since the previous examination. However, there will be questions that assess acquired learning and will require students to draw on previously covered material to provide the correct answer. Quizzes will be one per week, and taken at the end of class. Quizzes will cover material addressed in the lecture. Quizzes can only be taken during that time (you will be able to drop the lowest mark (or one quiz) to obtain the average for the term).

All examinations are to be written on the date specified in the Syllabus and class. If a student is medically unfit to write a test on the designated date and time, a ***medical certificate*** is required **AND** I must be ***notified before*** the examination.

GRADING

<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>
90 – 100	A+	64 - 67	C+
85 – 89	A	60 – 63	C
80 – 84	A -	55 – 59	C-
76 – 79	B+	50 – 54	D
72 – 75	B	0 – 49	F (Fail)
68 – 71	B –		

Marks for each exam and quiz, and the cumulative mark stand as earned – cannot be “bumped” up. For example, a 78% \neq 80%; B+ \neq A-.

OTHER INFORMATION

Disability Resources

If you require disability-related accommodations to meet course objectives, please contact the Coordinator of Disability Resources located in the Student Development and Advising area of the student services building. For more information about Disability Resources or academic accommodations, please visit the website at:

<http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/current/disabilities.cfm>

Mental Health Resources

If you are experiencing challenges with mental health (i.e., depression, anxiety, stress), please consider the following services:

1. *UBCO Psychology Clinic*
 - a. Walk-In and Brief Therapy Service
 - b. Psychological Intervention Service
 - c. Problematic Substance Use Service

E-mail: ipc.ok@ubc.ca for information or to make an appointment

Phone: 250-807-8241

2. *Campus Student Health*

Academic Integrity

The academic enterprise is founded on honesty, civility, and integrity. As members of this enterprise, all students are expected to know, understand, and follow the codes of conduct regarding academic integrity. At the most basic level, this means submitting only original work done by you and acknowledging all sources of information or ideas and attributing them to others as required. Violations of academic integrity (i.e., misconduct) lead to a breakdown of the academic enterprise, and therefore serious consequences arise and harsh sanctions are imposed. For example, incidences of plagiarism or cheating may result in a mark of zero on the assignment or test/examination and more serious consequences may apply if the matter is referred to the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline. Careful records are kept in order to monitor and prevent recurrences.

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<http://web.ubc.ca/okanagan/faculties/reources/academicintegrity.html>

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If you require assistance related to an issue of equity, discrimination or harassment, please contact the Equity Office, your administrative head of unit, and/or your unit's equity representative.

IKBSAS Unit 4 Equity Representative: Paul Gabias: paul.gabias@ubc.ca, 807-9383

UBC Okanagan Equity Advisor: ph. 250-807-9291; email equity.ubco@ubc.ca

Web: www.ubc.ca/okanagan/equity

Unit Equity Representatives:

<http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/equity/programs/equityreps/unitcontacts.html>