

NEURAL BASIS OF BEHAVIOUR

PSYC 3250 3.0 Section M

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Course Description

This course presents the fundamentals of the physiology of behaviour. Special importance is placed on the information-processing properties of the nervous system in order to provide a uniform framework for the understanding of such topics as perception, attention, movement, motivation, and learning. Some questions we will tackle are: Why do you itch? Why can you see dim stars in your peripheral vision but not be looking at it. Why does a hair in your mouth feel so big; whereas you can not feel the same hair if it was on your back? This course requires as a prerequisite PSYC 1010, PSYC2240 [i.e. Biological Basis of Behaviour], or permission of the course director.

Course Format

Lectures/paper discussion/movies with reading assignments and extensive use of computer and internet resources.

Readings

The course will primarily use Carlson's Physiology of Behavior (9th Edition). The text will be supplemented with internet resources, movies and lectures. I highly recommend that you make use of the CD that comes packaged with your textbook. It has a lot of good examples and can make a useful study aide.

Final mark will be based on:

Class Exam on Chapters 2 to 4	40%
Final Exam (on all material in course)	60%

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Tentative Schedule for PSYC 3250 M (Fridays)

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading</u>
Fri. March 6	Introduction Neglect Neurons	Chpt 1 (pgs 7-8) Chpt. 2
Friday 13 th March	Neural Conduction & Synaptic Transmission	Chpt. 2
Fri. March 20	Neuroanatomy	Chpt. 3
Fri. March 27	Psychopharmacology	Chpt. 4
Fri. April 3	2hr Term Test (40%) Research Methods	pg7-8, Chpts 2,3,4 Chpt. 5
Fri. April 17	Research Methods – Neuroimaging	Chpt. 5
Fri. April 24	Visual System Perception and Action	Chpt. 6
Fri. May 1	Neural Basis of Motor Control	Chpt. 8
Fri. May 8	Auditory, Somatosensory, Vestibular and the rest of the senses	Chpt. 7
Fri. May 15	Sleep & Learning	Chpt. 9 & 13
Thursday May 21	Learning, Memory & Amnesia	Chpt. 13 & 14
In Exam period - TBD	Final exam (60%)	Chapt.1 (pgs 7-8) & 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,13,14