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COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course provides an introduction to biological aspects of behaviour. Topics covered in this course include: anatomy and physiology of the nervous system, brain development, neuroplasticity, biological bases of behaviour and mental processes. Students will be encouraged to discuss scientific research relevant to these areas and to think critically about the shortcomings of the biological approach.

RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS


PRE-REQUISITE

PSYC1001: Introduction to Psychology

COURSE WEBSITE

Lecture slides, tutorial material, selected readings and any other useful information will be made available on Moodle which students will have access to upon successful enrolment to this course. Access to Moodle (http://hkuportal.hku.hk/moodle/guest) using the following guest account is possible prior to enrolment:

Username: pscy2022_1a_2018_student  
Password: Psy_2022
LECTURE DATES

Tuesday 16:30-18:20  CPD-3.28

Lecture 1  04/09/2018  Nature and Scope; Neuroanatomy
Lecture 2  11/09/2018  Research Methods and Brain Size
Lecture 3  18/09/2018  Brain Development and Plasticity
25/09/2018  [The Day following Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival]
Lecture 4  02/10/2018  Sensation, Perception and Action
Lecture 5  09/10/2018  Sensation, Perception and Action
16/10/2018  [Reading Week]
Lecture 6  23/10/2018  Mid-term Quiz; Cognitive Neuroscience
Lecture 7  30/10/2018  Cognitive Neuroscience
Lecture 8  06/11/2018  Internal Regulation
Lecture 9  13/11/2018  Social Neuroscience
Lecture 10 20/11/2018  Emotion and Psychopathology
Lecture 11 27/11/2018  Revision
Lecture 12 04/12/2018  Final Quiz

TUTORIAL CLASSES

Tutorial 1  17/09/2018-21/09/2018  Neuroanatomy, Research Methods and Brain Size
Tutorial 2  08/10/2018-10/10/2018  Brain Development and Plasticity
Tutorial 3  29/10/2018-02/11/2018  Essay Writing
Tutorial 4  05/11/2018-09/11/2018  Cognitive Neuroscience
Tutorial 5  12/11/2018-16/11/2018  Internal Regulation
Tutorial 6  19/11/2018-23/11/2018  Social Neuroscience

IMPORTANT DATES

Essay Title Submission  09/10/2018  23:59
Mid-term Quiz  23/10/2018  16:30-17:30
Final Quiz  04/12/2018  16:30-18:15  CPD 3.04 / KB 223
Essay Submission  11/12/2018  17:00

ASSESSMENTS

TUTORIAL PARTICIPATION (20%)
Attendance to tutorial classes is compulsory and your participation will be considered.

QUIZZES (MID-TERM: 15%; FINAL: 25%)
The quizzes will consist of questions requiring short answers.  You will be tested on material from lectures, class and tutorial discussions, as well as recommended readings.

ESSAY (40%)
You are required to submit an essay on biological psychology report in APA format.  You may select from a list of topics or come up with your own essay title.  All essay titles must be approved before reading week.  The word limit for the essay is between 2500 and 3000, excluding abstract, references, and appendices.  A penalty of 10% deduction will be applied to word count outside this range.  Each student must submit a declaration along with the essay stating that it is his/her own work.

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY

Late assignment is subjected to a penalty of 10% deduction per day unless a valid medical proof (medical certificate) is presented.
FEEDBACK POLICY

Student may expect to receive feedback within two or three weeks after submitting written assignments and taking each quiz. Quiz papers will not be returned to students; however, students can get individual feedback about each exam through meeting with course instructor/tutor. Weekly consultation hours are set up for individual consultation. For other coursework assignments, students receive feedback immediately or within an appropriate timeframe depending on the nature of the assignments.

MAKE-UP QUIZ POLICY

In the case of a student missing the mid-term or final due to medical reason (with a valid medical proof), a make-up quiz in a different format can be arranged within one week after the quiz/exam. Requests for make-up should be sent by email to the course coordinator, Jenny Lee (wwjd@hku.hk) within two days after the original day of examination. In normal circumstances, requests made afterwards will not be catered. There will be no make-up quizzes arranged for a make-up quiz.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Any student who engages in any form of academic dishonesty (e.g., cheating on exams, plagiarism, self-plagiarism, interfering with grading, falsification and fabrication of data in any academic exercise etc.) will receive a grade of F in this course and will be reported to the Department/Faculty Office/University Disciplinary Committee for further disciplinary action. There will be no exceptions. If you are not sure what constitutes the academic offense of plagiarism, checkout the webpage at http://www.hku.hk/plagiarism. Department of Psychology has formulated departmental policies/guidelines on student misconduct. Visit the website at https://www.psychology.hku.hk/?page_id=1814 for more information.

PLAGIARISM

A hardcopy and a softcopy are required for all written assignments. The softcopy will be checked for plagiarism against a database of articles, books, webpages and essays submitted by students at HKU and other universities. No credit will be given for an assignment that contains plagiarised materials. Further penalties will also be applied. These penalties include a zero mark for participation in course tutorials and a zero mark for the course. Plagiarism will also be reported to Department/Faculty Office/University Disciplinary Committee for consideration of possible disciplinary action.