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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, as well as 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**

This course takes a ‘flipped classroom’ format. Students are required to watch a video at home before class for that week. A textbook is not required, but for those interested, we can recommend the following:


**COURSE WEBSITE**

Lecture slides, videos, 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.
LECTURE DATES  Tuesday 15:30-18:20  MW T5

Lecture 1  03/09/2019  Why we should care about the brain?
Lecture 2  10/09/2019  Basic Anatomy and Methods
Lecture 3  17/09/2019  Perception and Action
Lecture 4  24/09/2019  Attention
          01/10/2019  National Holiday of People’s Republic of China
Lecture 5  08/10/2019  Memory and Emotion
          15/10/2019  Reading Week
          22/10/2019  Mid-term quiz
Lecture 6  29/10/2019  Hearing and Language
Lecture 7  05/11/2019  The Modern Science of Consciousness
Lecture 8  12/11/2019  The Prefrontal Cortex and Metacognition
Lecture 9  19/11/2019  Volition and Neurofeedback
          26/11/2019  Final quiz

IMPORTANT DATES

Mid-term Quiz  22/10/2019  In class  MW T5
Final Quiz    26/11/2019  In class  MW T5
Submission of In-class Assignments  Thursday after each class from Sep 17 onwards before 10am via Moodle

ASSESSMENTS

QUizzes (Mid-term: 20%; Final: 20%)
The quizzes will consist of questions requiring short answers. You will be tested on material from lectures, class discussions, as well as recommended readings.

In-class Assignments (60%)
This course takes a ‘flipped classroom’ format. Students should watch the video (about 1 hour) before each class. During class we will discuss short questions related to the video. Starting from week 3, students are required to hand in their answers (No more than 3000, excluding references) based on the class discussion, the Thursday after each class before 10am, from Sept 17 onwards. The best 6 out of 7 in-class assignments will be counted toward the total mark.

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY

Late assignment is subjected to a penalty of 50% deduction per day unless a valid medical proof (medical certificate) is presented prior to the due date of the assignment. Failure to comply with the above instructions will result in zero mark for that assignment.

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 can be 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 tutorial coordinator, Jenny Lee (wwjd@hku.hk) within 24 hours of 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 on the component(s) of assessment concerned or 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 https://tl.hku.hk/plagiarism/. Department of Psychology has formulated departmental polies/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 plagiarized 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.