

Course: PSY 3300 - Biopsychology
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Textbook: (Required) Mark R. Rosenzweig, Arnold L. Leiman, & S. Marc Breedlove, (1999). *Biological Psychology: An Introduction to Behavioral, Cognitive, and Clinical Neuroscience* (4th ed.). Sinauer Associates, Inc., Publishers, Sunderland, Massachusetts.

Course Objectives:

This course will introduce the student to the basic concepts, principles, and theories of biological correlates of behavior. The student should emerge from this class with a basic understanding in the following areas:

1. Students should emerge with a basic concept of functional neuroanatomy and understand how the nervous system impacts behavior.
2. Students should have a basic knowledge and understanding of neurophysiology.
3. Students should acquire a basic understanding of the impact of psychopharmacology and neuroendocrinology and how they impact behavior.
4. Students should gain a basic understanding of modality-specific sensory and perceptual processing.
5. Students should gain a perspective of neurophysiological integration with regulation of behavior, and mental disorders.
6. Students should gain an introductory knowledge and understanding of the area of neuropsychology and the emerging field of cognitive neuroscience.
7. Students should gain an introductory knowledge of the biological and neural mechanisms of learning.

Class Communications:

The preferred method of communications for this course is via email. I will answer questions, make class announcements which may include changes in the class requirements and provide feedback via email so it is important that you maintain a current email address and frequently check the mailbox for that address. Bad email addresses and full mailboxes create problems for the class messages and prevent you from receiving information. Due to the impact on the class and the demonstrated lack of personal responsibility these conditions present, I will not normally allow any credit lost due to bad email addresses or full mailboxes to be made up.

Software: This course assumes a complete installation of a Web browser, a college e-mail account and access to the Internet. You should be able to do everything required with your iPad that was furnished by UVA WISE, however, if you have a problem accessing the Internet or software needed to successfully complete this course we will do everything possible to assist you and ensure that you have what you need.

Internet use: Since this course is online, students will be required to use the Internet to access course content in Moodle. If you have a problem with Internet access or accessing course content contact me immediately so that we can investigate possible solutions and assist you in any way we can.

Moodle: The Moodle system will be a key tool in completing this course so I advise you to take time to get familiar with the content it holds for this course. There will be PowerPoint files with notes for the material to supplement your textbook, chat rooms and forums for you to participate in course material discussions as well as announcements about the class. Be sure to check it often.

Discussion Forum and Chat Room evaluation is based on four points:

1. Number of posts on the discussion forum for each Discussion topic. (Are you really involved in the discussion? I am looking for real activity focused on learning or sharing class related information)
2. How well your posting shows your understanding or efforts to gain understanding of the subject.
3. Your posting provides value to the discussion (basically it is not irrelevant talk – something submitted just to say you did it)
4. Replies to and comments on other students' postings on the discussion forum that contribute to a better understanding of the topic or a solution to a problem.

Postings to the discussion forum should be written as you would for a formally submitted paper, not in a texting or instant messaging style (no capitalization, punctuation, abbreviations, etc.). Your written word has a large impact of potential employers so let's practice good writing skills throughout the class.

Discussion forums are graded as individual assignments and the average of all postings becomes a weighted percentage of the overall class grade. Remember that any discussion without a post from you will receive a grade of zero and substantially reduce the credit you receive for class discussions.

Zoom Meetings

Zoom meetings will be scheduled as needed with students that prefer to use Zoom rather than forum or chat rooms.

Exams:

There will be five section exams.

Homework Assignments:

There will be homework assignments, as determined by the instructor, designed to prepare the student for forthcoming exams.

Honor Code:

The Honor Code of The University of Virginia’s College at Wise is fully supported and each student in this class will be treated as a responsible and honest adult. Violations of the Honor Code will be prosecuted through the Honor Court.

Grading:

Your grade will be determined by your participation online, assignments and the section exams.

Participation		15%
Assignments (considered part of participation)		0%
Section exams	5 @ 17%ea	<u>85%</u>
		100%

Special Accommodations: ADA: All students with disabilities requiring accommodations should present the appropriate paperwork from the ADA Coordinator (Faculty Accommodation Notice). It is the student’s responsibility to present this paperwork in a timely fashion and follow up with the instructor about the accommodations being offered. Accommodations for test-taking (e.g. extended time) should be arranged at least 3 class days before an exam. If you are not registered with the Disability Services, please do so as soon as possible by contacting the ADA Coordinator (Zehmer Hall, Office 152, 328-0177).

Sexual Misconduct/Harassment Statement: The University of Virginia’s College at Wise is committed to maintaining a respectful, professional and nondiscriminatory academic, living, and working environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. This includes having an environment free from sexual and gender based harassment, sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, sexual exploitation, complicity and retaliation. The College reaffirms its commitment to maintain a campus environment emphasizing the dignity and worth of all members of the college community.

To view the UVA Wise’s Sexual Misconduct and Interpersonal violence Policy, please visit <http://www.uvawise.edu/compliance/sexualmisconduct>

If you have questions or concerns, please immediately contact your Title IX Coordinator listed below.

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Office: 276-328-0131 Cell: 276-870-506 Fax 276-376-4876 email tabitha.smith@uvawise.edu

Broad Diversity Statements – Feedback Process

It is my intent to present materials and activities that are respectful of diversity: gender identity, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, nationality, religion, and culture. Your suggestions are encouraged and appreciated. It is expected that some of the material or discussions in this course may evoke strong emotions, please be respectful of others' emotions and be mindful of your own. I will attempt to foster an environment in which each class member is able to hear and respect each other.

To help accomplish this:

- If you have a name and/or set of pronouns that differ from those that appear in your official student records, please let me know.
- It is critical that each class member actively listen and show respect in their comments and actions for all worldviews expressed in class.

While our intention may not be to cause discomfort or offense, the impact of what happens throughout the course is not to be ignored and is something that I consider to be very important and deserving of attention. I (like many people) am still in the process of learning about diverse perspectives and identities. If something was said in class (by anyone, including me) that made you feel uncomfortable, there are several ways to alleviate some of the discomfort or hurt you may experience:

- Discuss the situation privately with me. I am always open to listening to students' experiences, and want to work with students to find acceptable ways to process and address the issue.
- Discuss the situation with the class. Chances are there is at least one other student in the class who had a similar response to the material. Discussion enhances the ability for all class participants to have a fuller understanding of context and impact of course material and class discussions.
- Notify me of the issue through another source such as your academic advisor, a trusted faculty member, or a peer. If for any reason you do not feel comfortable discussing the issue directly with me, I encourage you to seek out another, more comfortable avenue to address the issue. [Insert potential resources]

Religious Diversity – Accommodation Process

Students who wish to request academic accommodation for a religious observance should submit their request to me by email as far in advance as possible. If you have questions or concerns about your request, you can contact [Insert Compliance/Student/Resource Office]. Accommodations do not relieve you of the responsibility for completion of any part of the coursework you miss as the result of a religious observance.

Key Planning Resource: Interfaith Calendar (<http://www.interfaith-calendar.org/>)

Disability – Accommodation Process

If you anticipate or experience any barriers to learning in this course, please feel welcome to discuss your concerns with me. If you have a disability, or think you may have a disability, you may also want to meet with the Student Disability Support Services, to request an official accommodation.

Tentative Schedule and Reading Assignments:

Week	Date	Chapter	Title
1	8/26-29	1	Syllabus & Biological Psychology: Scope and Outlook
2	8/30-9/5	1&2	Biological Psychology: Scope and Outlook
2		2	Functional Neuroanatomy: The Nervous System and Behavior
2			Exam 1 (Chapters 1-2) & Assignment 1 Due by Midnight Saturday 9/5
3	9/6-12	3	Neurophysiology: Conduction, Transmission, and Integration of Neural Signals
4	9/13-19	4	Psychopharmacology: Neurotransmitters, Drugs, and Behavior
4			Exam 2 (Chapters 3-4) & Assignments 2 & 3 Due by Midnight Saturday 9/19
5	9/20-26	5	Hormones and Behavior
6	9/27-10/3	6	Evolution of Brain and Behavior
7	10/4-10	7	Life-Span Development of the Brain and Behavior
7			Exam 3 (Chapters 5-7) & Assignments 4 & 5 Due by Midnight Saturday 10/10
8	10/11-17	8	General Principles of Sensory Processing, Touch, and Pain
9	10/18-24	8&9	Hearing, Vestibular Perception, Taste, and Smell
10	10/25-31	9&10	Vision: From Eye to Brain
11	11/1-7	10	Vision: From Eye to Brain
			Exam 4 (Chapters 8-10) & Assignments 6, 7, & 8 Due by Midnight Saturday 11/7
12	11/8-14	16	Psychopathology: Biological Bases of Behavior Disorders
13	11/15-21	16	Psychopathology: Biological Bases of Behavior Disorders
14	11/22-28	17	Learning and Memory: Biological Perspectives
15	11/29-12/4	17	Learning and Memory: Biological Perspectives
			Exam 5 (Chapters 16, 17) & Assignments 9 & 10 Due by Midnight Friday 12/4

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