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Syllabus

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

LONDON, CANADA

Department of Psychology

2022-2023

PSYCHOLOGY 9260A

Cognitive, Developmental, and Brain Sciences (CDBS) Proseminar

1.0 COURSE INFORMATION

Lectures: Tuesdays, 9:00-12:00, WIRB 1110

2.0 INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Office Hours: By Appointment, Zoom

3.0 COURSE DESCRIPTION

This seminar course provides introductory coverage of contemporary questions, theories and techniques in cognitive psychology, cognitive development and neuroscience. Each week a faculty member from the area will lead a discussion of an issue in their research field and engage students based on assigned readings, or they will give a presentation on a key skill (ethics, writing, etc).

4.0 COURSE MATERIALS

All required readings for this course will be resources posted on the course's OWL website. You will also need a computer account, which gives you access to the UWO network.

5.0 METHOD OF EVALUATION

Quizzes: 20% each

These will test your understanding of the concepts presented during the weekly faculty presentations. Format will be short-answer (2-3 sentences), multiple choice, fill-in-the blank, and related formats.

Participation during presentations: 30%

This will test your preparation for the class via your willingness to ask questions and engage with the faculty presenter.

Journal Club presentations: 15% each

These are presentations of a primary source research article of your choice. It is intended to assess your ability to present information to your classmates in a way that is clear but concise, with minimal use of visual aids. The goal is not only to convey the information in the article, but to facilitate discussion of broader topics, methods, and the scientific process. Number of presentations will be 2, depending on class size.

6.0 ACADEMIC OFFENCES

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_grad.pdf

Schedule to date:

Date	Presenter	Topic
Sept 13, 9:00	<i>N/A</i>	
Sept 20, 9:00 Sept 20, 10:30	<i>Ryan Stevenson</i>	Introduction, how to be a good grad student
Sept 27, 9:00 Sept 27, 10:30	Student presentation <i>Ryan Stevenson</i>	Sensory processing in NDDs
Oct 4, 9:00 Oct 4, 10:30	Student presentation <i>Laura Batterink</i>	
Oct 11, 9:00 Oct 11, 10:30	Student presentation <i>Guest TBD</i>	
Oct 18, 9:00	Student presentation	

Oct 18, 10:30	<i>Quiz or Guest TBD</i>	
Oct 25, 9:00	Student presentation	
Oct 25, 10:30	<i>Quiz or Guest TBD</i>	
Nov 1, 9:00	<i>READING WEEK</i>	
Nov 1, 10:30		
Nov 8, 9:00	Student presentation	
Nov 8, 10:30	Marc Joanisse	
Nov 15, 9:00	Student presentation	
Nov 15, 10:30	<i>Guest</i>	
Nov 22, 9:00	Student presentation	
Nov 22, 10:30	<i>Stefan Kohler</i>	
Nov 29, 9:00	Student presentation	
Nov 29, 10:30	Quiz	