

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
LONDON, CANADA
Department of Psychology
2024
PSYCHOLOGY 9260A
Cognitive, Developmental, and Brain Sciences (CDBS) Proseminar

1.0 COURSE INFORMATION

Lectures: Tuesdays, 9:00-12:00

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

Draft scholarship research proposals (2): 20% each

These will be draft proposals in CGS-M scholarship format. The first will be a rough draft, and students will be asked to provide feedback on other students' drafts. The second will be a final draft.

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 10, 9:00	<i>Ryan Stevenson</i>	Course overview, how to be a good grad student
Sept 17, 9:00	Stephanie, Jack	
Sept 17, 10:30	<i>Ryan Stevenson</i>	
Sept 24, 9:00	Student presentation (3)	
Sept 24, 10:30	<i>Jessica Grahm</i>	
Oct 1, 9:00	Student presentation (3)	
Oct 1, 10:30	<i>How to Conference</i>	
Oct 08, 9:00-12:00	Asynchronous online <i>Scientific Writing</i>	
Oct 15, 9:00	<i>READING WEEK</i>	
Oct 15, 10:30	<i>No class</i>	
Oct 22, 9:00	Student presentation (3)	
Oct 22, 10:30	<i>Laura Batterink</i>	
Oct 29, 9:00	Asynchronous online	
Oct 29, 10:30	<i>Scientific Writing</i>	
Nov 5, 9:00	Student presentation (3)	
Nov 5, 10:30	<i>Blake Butler</i>	
Nov 12, 9:00	Student presentation (3)	
Nov 12, 10:30	<i>Bruce Morton</i>	
Nov 19, 9:00	<i>Ken McRae</i>	
Nov 19, 10:30	Student presentation (2)	
Nov 26, 9:00	Student presentation (3)	

Nov 26, 10:30	<i>Guest</i>	
Dec 3, 9:00	Student presentation	
Dec 3, 10:30	<i>Guest</i>	

Note: "Guest" will be a presentation from a CDBS faculty member either on an overview of their lab's research or a skill. Skills will include scientific writing, how to conference, open science, etc.