PSY353H5S - Developmental Social Neuroscience

Tuesday 12:00pm – 3:00pm
Room Location: DV 1143 (Davis Building)

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Course Description

The course will focus on the development and organization of brain mechanisms underlying sensation, recognition, memory, cognition, motor behaviour, and cognition and emotion regulation with a focus on the behavioural expression of social attachment and affiliation in mammalian species. Circumstances and events that can lead to diminished function and developmental psychopathology in humans will be considered.

Reading Material


Additional readings will be posted directly on course website on a weekly basis.

Course Evaluation

Midterm = 25%; Written Assignment = 35%; Cumulative Final Exam = 40%
Details on tests and debates will be given on the first day of class.

Course Webpage

The website associated with this course is accessible via http://portal.utoronto.ca
Note: You don't need to create a new login for Blackboard; it already knows who you are. You just need your UTORid and password. This is the same login that gets you onto the wireless network with your laptop, and the same one that you use to check your email. If you're confused about your UTORid or don't remember your password, go to: https://www.utorid.utoronto.ca/
In order to access course material, monitor course information, and view your grades you must log into Blackboard. If you have any general questions regarding Blackboard, please visit the following help site: http://www.portalinfo.utoronto.ca/students.htm
IMPORTANT COURSE POLICIES  **PLEASE READ**

Missed Test Special Consideration Request Process
Students who miss a test due to circumstances beyond their control (e.g. illness or an accident) can request that the Department grant them special consideration. Students must present their case to the Department (NOT the Instructor) by submitting a request via the online Special Consideration Request form at:
https://utmapp.utm.utoronto.ca/SpecialRequest.

Students are to submit original supporting documentation (e.g., medical certificates, accident reports, etc.) to the Psychology Academic Counselor or drop it in the drop box located outside the Psychology office, Deerfield Hall, 4th Floor. Students have up-to one week from the date of the missed test to submit request. Late submissions will NOT be considered without a letter of explanation specifying and documenting the reasons for the lateness. .

Medical certificates or physician’s notes must be completed by the Physician and MUST include the statement "This Student [name] was unable to write the test on [date(s)] for medical reasons". This documentation must show that the physician was consulted within one the day of the missed term test. A statement merely acknowledging a report of illness made by the student to the physician is NOT acceptable. For further information on this procedure please see:
http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/psychology/undergraduate-studies/missed-tests/late-submissions

If you missed your test/assignment deadline for a reason connected to your registered disability, please be advised that the department will accept documentation supplied by the UTM AccessAbility Resource Centre.

IMPORTANT: The Department of Psychology verifies the authenticity of medical certificates by contacting medical offices. Students are NOT to make any changes or alteration to completed medical certificates. Students who submit forged or altered documentation are subject to severe academic penalties.

If your request is approved by the department, the value of the test will be redistributed to the final examination.

Extension of Time Special Consideration Request Process
Students who seek to be granted more time to complete their term work beyond the due date without penalty, owing to circumstances beyond their control (e.g., illness, or an accident), must do so by submitting a request directly to the Instructor for the period up to and including the last day of the term. The decision as to whether or not to apply a penalty for the specified period rests with the Instructor.

Students who seek to be granted more time to complete term work beyond the last day of the term must submit their request directly to the Department. This request covers the period following the last day of classes and ends the last day of the exam period. This is done by submitting a request via the online Special Consideration Request form at https://utmapp.utm.utoronto.ca/SpecialRequest.

You are advised to seek advising by the departmental Undergraduate Counsellor prior to the deadline.

Original supporting documentation (e.g., medical certificates, accident reports, etc.) must be submitted to the Psychology Academic Counselor or dropped off in the drop box located outside the Psychology office Deerfield Hall, 4th Floor. Students are expected to submit requests to the Department before the last day of the term, unless demonstrably serious reasons prevent them from doing so. In the event of an illness, medical certificates or doctor’s notes must confirm that student was ill on the due date of the assignment (for a one-day extension). For a longer extension, documentation must specify the full duration during which academic work could not be carried out. For extensions of time beyond the examination period you must submit a petition through the Office of the Registrar. http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/registrar/current-students/petitions.
Submission of Written Assignments
A hard copy of all written assignments must be submitted either in class or to the PUMP room (Deerfield Hall, 2nd Floor) on the due date. In the event of problems with printing, coming to campus due to illness, etc., an electronic copy must be emailed to the professor by 5pm on the due date to serve as a time stamp. A hard copy will still be required before the assignment will be graded. In addition, for the FINAL WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT ONLY (due March 31), this course will also employ Turnitin.com (http://www.turnitin.com).

Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to Turnitin.com for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University’s use of Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site. Click the following link for assistance on setting up an account (http://www.teaching.utoronto.ca/teaching/academicintegrity/turnitin/guide-students.htm).

Penalties for Lateness
A penalty of 10% per calendar day (i.e., including week-ends and holidays, during which students are not able to submit term work) up to and including the last day of classes, will be applied by the Instructor. After the last day of classes, the penalty of 10% per calendar day will be applied by the Undergraduate Counsellor on behalf of the Department. No penalty will be assigned if request for special consideration, described above, was successful.

Academic Guidelines
It is your responsibility to ensure that you have met all prerequisites listed in the UTM Calendar for this course. If you lack any prerequisites you WILL BE REMOVED from the course up until the last day to add a course. Further information about academic regulations, course withdrawal dates and credits can be found in the University of Toronto Mississauga Calendar at: http://www.erin.utoronto.ca/regcal/.

You are encouraged to read this material. If you run into trouble and need advice about studying, preparing for exams, note taking or time management, free workshops and advice are available from the Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre at 905-828-5406.

AccessAbility Services
Students requiring academic accommodations for learning, physical, sensory, or mental health disabilities or medical conditions should contact the AccessAbility Office (2037B Davis Building), 905-828-3847. http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/accessability/

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism
Honesty and fairness are considered fundamental to the university's mission, and, as a result, all those who violate those principles are dealt with as if they were damaging the integrity of the university itself. When students are suspected of cheating or a similar academic offence, they are typically surprised at how formally and seriously the matter is dealt with -- and how severe the consequences can be if it is determined that cheating did occur. The University of Toronto treats cases of cheating and plagiarism very seriously. Please take the time to review the Academic Integrity website: http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/academic-integrity/students.

- Common trends in academic offences:
- Plagiarizing/concocted references
- Collaboration/unauthorized assistance
- Purchasing work
- Recycling work - "double-dipping"
- Resubmitting of altered work for re-grading
- Electronic devices (cell phones) or any unauthorized aids
- Altering medical certificates and UofT documents
From the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters: “It shall be an offence for a student to knowingly: represent as one's own any idea or expression of an idea or work of another in any academic examination or term test or in connection with any other form of academic work, i.e. to commit plagiarism. Wherever in the Code an offence is described as depending on “knowing”, the offence shall likewise be deemed to have been committed if the person ought reasonably to have known.” All students must refer to this website to obtain information on what constitutes plagiarism. http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/using-sources/how-not-to-plagiarize.

If questions arise after reading the material on the website, consult your instructor.

**Plagiarism will not be tolerated.**

*Please note that this outline is subject to change depending on the needs of the class (we may need additional time to cover a topic). Any changes to the syllabus will be announced in class one week before. However, the assignment and test dates are fixed.*

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**Final exam:** During exam period, it is the student’s responsibility to be available for the entire exam period.