**Behavioral Neuroscience**

**830:484 section H2**

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**Course meeting times: online May 30- July 6, 2023**

**Asynchronous--no scheduled meetings**

**Course website: Canvas**

**COURSE SYNOPSIS**

The goal of this course is to provide students with a broad overview of the biological foundations of behavior: including the structure, organization, and functioning of the nervous system, and the methods used to study topics such as motivation and emotion--(what makes us go), perception (how we interact with the world), and complex behaviors (learning, memory, psychological disorders, sleep, and consciousness).

**Prerequisites:** Principles of Psychology 830:102 or 21:112:200 and Principles of Psychology 101

**LEARNING GOALS:**

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

* Explain the basics of communication within the nervous system
* Describe the organization and functions of the nervous system
* Detail the major study methods used and the ethics of conducting research
* Identify the brain correlates of emotion and how emotions impact health
* Explain how biological processes mediate reward and addiction
* Detail the physiological systems underlying motivation and regulation of internal states
* Explain what is known about the biology of sex and gender
* Understand the biological underpinnings of the major psychological/psychiatric disorders
* Address current findings in the study of sleep and consciousness

**REQUIRED READINGS AND MATERIALS:**

**Two Textbooks**

Brain & Behavior 6e by Garrett ISBN: 9781071820391

<https://us.sagepub.com/en-us/nam/brain-behavior/book259386>

Digital version through Sage vantage

<https://us.sagepub.com/en-us/nam/brain-behavior-vantage-digital-option/book275059>

Free Student study site-- Free Student study site (if you don't sign up for Vantage online you can still access this

[https://edge.sagepub.com/garrett6e?\_gl=1\*1pyinu6\*\_ga\*NDQ2NjU2NzAwLjE2NTE3NTg4MTg.\*\_ga\_60R758KFDG\*MTY1MTc1ODgxNy4xLjEuMTY1MTc1ODk1Ni4w\*\_ga\_RK7MQ5ZZVZ\*MTY1MTc1ODgxNy4xLjEuMTY1MTc1ODk1Ni4w](https://edge.sagepub.com/garrett6e?_gl=1*1pyinu6*_ga*NDQ2NjU2NzAwLjE2NTE3NTg4MTg.*_ga_60R758KFDG*MTY1MTc1ODgxNy4xLjEuMTY1MTc1ODk1Ni4w*_ga_RK7MQ5ZZVZ*MTY1MTc1ODgxNy4xLjEuMTY1MTc1ODk1Ni4w)

**Wise, N. (2020). *Why Good Sex Matters: Understanding the Neuroscience of Pleasure for a Smarter, Happier, and More Purpose-filled Life*. Houghton Mifflin.**

<https://www.amazon.com/Why-Good-Matters-Understanding-Purpose-Filled-ebook/dp/B07FKB3PWC>

**EXAMS**

There will be a total of two exams during the semester and a non-cumulative final exam. Each test will consist of multiple-choice questions and true-false questions. All three of the exams will count in your grade. There will be no make-up tests, except in extreme circumstances, which will be documented by the dean’s office

**The three exams will count for 100% of your total grade.**

**There will be an opportunity to earn up to 2 points on your final grade for extra credit**

**Assignment: Top 5 things you learned from the course that can be applied to life**

**GRADING**

**Exams-- 3 tests -33.3% each = 100% of total grade**

***ACADEMIC INTEGRITY***

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<http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/academic-integrity-policy/>

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**Students with Disabilities**

If you have a disability, you may be eligible for accommodations. Here is the info:• Applying for Services: https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/applying-for-services• Documentation Guidelines: https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/documentationguidelines• Letter of Accommodations: https://ods.rutgers.edu/my-accommodations/letterof-accommodation

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

Subject to change

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|  | **Required Readings** | **Exams** |
| Week 1ending 6/3 | 1. What is Biopsychology? Garrett Chapter 1

ANDDr. Nan’s core emotion slides and Chapters 1-3 from Dr Nan's book |  |
|  | Garret Chapter 2-Communication Within the Nervous System |  |
| Week 2ending 6/10 | Garret Chapter 3- The Organization and Functions of the Nervous System  |  |
|  | Garrett Chapter 4-The Methods and Ethics of Research  |  |
| Week 3ending 6/17 | Garret Chapter 5 Drugs, Addiction and RewardDr Nan's book Chapter 4 Rebalancing the Seeking System**6/17-6/20 exam 1 Garrett chapters 1-4** Chapter 6 Motivation and the Regulation of internal states |  |
| Week 4ending 6/24 | **Garrett Chapter 7 The biology of sex and gender** **Dr. Nan’s chapter 8 -Sex as a tool for transformation****Garrett Chapter 8 Emotion and Health** |  |
| Week 5ending 7/1 | **6/29-7/4- Exam 2-Chapters 5-8**  **Garrett Chapter 12: Learning and Memory****Garrett; Chapter 14-Psychological Disorders****Restoring the emotional brain from Dr Nan's book chapters 4-6**  |  |
| Week 6ending 7/7 | **Dr Nan's book Chapter 7 Operational Intelligence****Garrett Chapter 15. Sleep and Consciousness****Final exam 7/11-7/13 CHAPTERS 12, 14 & 15 PLUS questions on restoring the emotional brain from Dr. Nan's Book** | ­­­­­­­­­­­­ |

**Grading scale**

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| A 100-90B+ 89-85B 85-80C+ 75-79 | C 70-74D 60-69F 59 and below |