

Psy 13 Course Description

This course will provide an introduction to what we know about the fascinating link between the brain, the mind, and behavior. We will start with a basic review of the brain as a biological organ, its evolution, development, and its basic operations including visual, olfaction and others senses. Next, we will discuss how the brain gives rise to a wide variety of complex behaviors, memory, social and emotional behaviors. The course will finally introduce you to the wider neurophilosophical questions concerning freewill, death and morality.

Readings

The main textbook will be Principles of Cognitive Neuroscience (2nd Edition), by Dale Purves et al., (Sinauer Press, 2013). This textbook will provide the primary reading source.

<http://www.sinauer.com/catalog/neuroscience/principles-of-cognitive-neuroscience.html>

Product Code: 978-0-87893-573-4

Additional supplements from articles and other book chapters will be available online as discussed in class. This information will be posted online.

Format: Multiple choice.

Make-up exams: Will be allowed only with written justification and will be given only on a single date.