



COURSE OUTLINE

1. **Course:** NEUR 421, Neuroscience: History, Ethics and Society - Fall 2020

Lecture 01: TR 09:30 - 10:45 - Online

Instructor	Email	Phone	Office	Hours
Dr Manuel Hulliger	manuel.hulliger@ucalgary.ca	403 220-6216	HMRB 106	By appointment

Guest lecturers

Instructor	Email	Phone	Office	Hours
Dr. Nils Forkert	nils.forkert@ucalgary.ca	403-210-6436	HSC 2913	N/A by appointment only
Dr. Bruce Pike	bruce.pike@ucalgary.ca	403-210-9480	HSC 2909	N/A by appointment only
Dr. Eric Smith	eric.smith@albertahealthservices.ca	403-944-1594	HSC 2941	N/A by appointment only
Dr. Cam Teskey	gteskey@ucalgary.ca	403-220-4962	HSC 2103	N/A by appointment only

In Person Delivery Details:

1 on 1 mentoring (in small meeting rooms), observing Covid rules (face masks, 2 m physical distancing)

1 on 3-4 small group coaching (in suitable meeting rooms) for preparation of online group presentations, observing Covid rules (face masks, 2 m physical distancing)

Re-Entry Protocol for Labs and Classrooms:

To limit the spread of COVID-19 on campus, the University of Calgary has implemented an Instructional Space Re-Entry Protocol that must be followed. Details are found in the [Covid-19 Protocol for Class and Lab re-entry.pdf](#) document. **Online Delivery Details:**

This course is being offered online in real-time via scheduled meeting times, you are required to be online at the same time.

All lectures, group presentations (by students), and scheduled Q&A class-sessions are delivered online.

Invitations will be mailed to all students on the day before the event.

Course Site:

D2L: NEUR 421 L01-(Fall 2020)-Neuroscience: History, Ethics and Society

Note: Students must use their U of C account for all course correspondence.

2. **Requisites:**

See section [3.5.C](#) in the Faculty of Science section of the online Calendar.

Prerequisite(s):

48 units (8.0 full-course equivalents) and admission to the major in Neuroscience, Biological Sciences, Health Science or Psychology.

3. **Grading:**

The University policy on grading and related matters is described in [F.1](#) and [F.2](#) of the online University Calendar.

In determining the overall grade in the course the following weights will be used:

Component(s)	Weighting %	Date
Term paper	45	Nov 23, 2020
Student presentations-1	25	Oct 1, 6, 8, 2020
Student presentations-2	30	Dec 1, 3, 8, 2020

There will not be a final exam scheduled by the Registrar's Office.

For group work (oral presentations), each student of a given group will get the same grade for the presentation (which will be assessed as a whole).

The weighted sum of individual-assignment grades (the overall percentage) will be rounded to integer percentage figures before the percentage to letter conversion.

Each piece of work (reports, assignments, quizzes, midterm exam(s) or final examination) submitted by the student will be assigned a grade. The student's grade for each component listed above will be combined with the indicated weights to produce an overall percentage for the course, which will be used to determine the course letter grade.

The conversion between a percentage grade and letter grade is as follows.

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D
Minimum % Required	96 %	90 %	85 %	80%	76%	72 %	67 %	63%	59%	54 %	50 %

If, for some reason, the distribution of grades determined using the aforementioned conversion chart appears to be abnormal the instructors reserve the right to change the grade conversion chart.

Late submission penalty: for the term paper a 5% deduction will be applied per 24 hr of delay.

4. **Missed Components Of Term Work:**

The university has suspended the requirement for students to provide evidence for absences. Please do not attend medical clinics for medical notes or Commissioners for Oaths for statutory declarations.

In the event that a student legitimately fails to submit any online assessment on time (e.g. due to illness etc...), please contact the course coordinator, or the course instructor if this course does not have a coordinator to arrange for a re-adjustment of a submission date. Absences not reported within 48 hours will not be accommodated. If an excused absence is approved, then the percentage weight of the legitimately missed assignment could also be pro-rated among the components of the course.

5. **Scheduled Out-of-Class Activities:**

There are no scheduled out of class activities for this course.

A single optional online instruction and rehearsal session for group presentations via Zoom will be scheduled, after consultation with the students, during week 3 (Sept. 21-25, 2020)

6. **Course Materials:**

Required Textbook(s):

Stanley Finger, *Origins of Neuroscience: a history of explorations into brain function (2001)*: Oxford University Press.

Tom Beauchamp & James Childress, *Principles of Biomedical Ethics (2019, 8th edition)*: Oxford University Press.

Recommended Textbook(s):

Stanley Finger, *Minds behind the Brain: a history of the pioneers and their discoveries. Online text (2005)* Oxford University Press.

Jürgen Tesak & Chris Code, *Milestones in the history of aphasia: theories and protagonists. Online text (2008)*: Psychology Press.

In order to successfully engage in their learning experiences at the University of Calgary, students taking online, remote and blended courses are required to have reliable access to the following technology:

- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates;
- A current and updated web browser;

- Webcam/Camera (built-in or external);
- Microphone and speaker (built-in or external), or headset with microphone;
- Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled;
- Stable internet connection.

For more information please refer to the UofC [ELearning](#) online website.

7. **Examination Policy:**

No aids are allowed on tests or examinations.

Students should also read the Calendar, [Section G](#), on Examinations.

8. **Approved Mandatory And Optional Course Supplemental Fees:**

There are no mandatory or optional course supplemental fees for this course.

9. **Writing Across The Curriculum Statement:**

For all components of the course, in any written work, the quality of the student's writing (language, spelling, grammar, presentation etc.) can be a factor in the evaluation of the work. See also [Section E.2](#) of the University Calendar.

10. **Human & Living Organism Studies Statements:**

Students will not participate as subjects or researchers in human studies.

See also [Section E.5](#) of the University Calendar.

STUDIES IN THE BSc NEUROSCIENCE PROGRAM MAY INVOLVE THE USE OF LIVING AND DEAD ORGANISMS. Students taking laboratory- and field-based courses in these disciplines can expect involvement with and experimentation on such materials. Students perform dissections on dead or preserved organisms in some courses. In particular courses, students experiment on living organisms, their tissues, cells, or molecules. Sometimes field work requires students to collect a variety of living materials by many methods, including humane trapping.

All work on humans and other animals conforms to the Helsinki Declaration and to the regulations of the Canadian Council on Animal Care. The program strives for the highest ethical standards consistent with stewardship of the environment for organisms whose use is not governed by statutory authority. Individuals contemplating taking courses or majoring in one of the fields of study offered in the program should ensure that they have fully considered these issues before enrolling. Students are advised to discuss any concern they might have with the Undergraduate Program Director of the Department.

Students are expected to be familiar with [Section SC.4.1](#) of the University Calendar.

11. **Reappraisal Of Grades:**

A student wishing a reappraisal, should first attempt to review the graded work with the Course coordinator/instructor or department offering the course. Students with sufficient academic grounds may request a reappraisal. Non-academic grounds are not relevant for grade reappraisals. Students should be aware that the grade being reappraised may be raised, lowered or remain the same. See [Section I.3](#) of the University Calendar.

- Term Work:** The student should present their rationale as effectively and as fully as possible to the Course coordinator/instructor within **ten business days** of either being notified about the mark, or of the item's return to the class. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome, the student shall submit the Reappraisal of Graded Term work form to the department in which the course is offered within 2 business days of receiving the decision from the instructor. The Department will arrange for a reappraisal of the work within the next ten business days. The reappraisal will only be considered if the student provides a detailed rationale that outlines where and for what reason an error is suspected. See sections [I.1](#) and [I.2](#) of the University Calendar
- Final Exam:** The student shall submit the request to Enrolment Services. See [Section I.3](#) of the University Calendar.

12. **Other Important Information For Students:**

- Mental Health** The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the SU

Wellness Centre (Room 370, MacEwan Student Centre, [Mental Health Services Website](#)) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy website ([Mental Health](#)).

- b. **SU Wellness Services:** For more information, see www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre or call [403-210-9355](tel:403-210-9355).
- c. **Sexual Violence:** The Sexual Violence Support Advocate, Carla Bertsch, can provide confidential support and information regarding sexual violence to all members of the university community. Carla can be reached by email (svsa@ucalgary.ca) or phone at [403-220-2208](tel:403-220-2208). The complete University of Calgary policy on sexual violence can be viewed at (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/sexual-violence-policy.pdf>)
- d. **Misconduct:** Academic misconduct (cheating, plagiarism, or any other form) is a very serious offence that will be dealt with rigorously in all cases. A single offence may lead to disciplinary probation or suspension or expulsion. The Faculty of Science follows a zero tolerance policy regarding dishonesty. Please read the sections of the University Calendar under [Section K](#). Student Misconduct to inform yourself of definitions, processes and penalties. Examples of academic misconduct may include: submitting or presenting work as if it were the student's own work when it is not; submitting or presenting work in one course which has also been submitted in another course without the instructor's permission; collaborating in whole or in part without prior agreement of the instructor; borrowing experimental values from others without the instructor's approval; falsification/ fabrication of experimental values in a report. **These are only examples.**
- e. **Academic Accommodation Policy:** Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should contact Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the procedure for accommodations for students with disabilities available at [procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf](#).

Students needing an accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfill requirements for a graduate degree, based on a protected ground other than disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the Program Director of the Neuroscience Program, Dr. Willem Wildering by email bscndir@ucalgary.ca or phone 403 220-5283. Religious accommodation requests relating to class, test or exam scheduling or absences must be submitted no later than **14 days** prior to the date in question. See [Section E.4](#) of the University Calendar.

- f. **Freedom of Information and Privacy:** This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). Students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page. For more information, see [Legal Services](#) website.
- g. **Student Union Information:** [VP Academic](#), Phone: [403-220-3911](tel:403-220-3911) Email: suvpaca@ucalgary.ca. SU Faculty Rep., Phone: [403-220-3913](tel:403-220-3913) Email: sciencerep@su.ucalgary.ca. [Student Ombudsman](#), Email: ombuds@ucalgary.ca.
- h. **Surveys:** At the University of Calgary, feedback through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction ([USRI](#)) survey and the Faculty of Science Teaching Feedback form provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses. Your responses make a difference - please participate in these surveys.
- i. **Copyright of Course Materials:** All course materials (including those posted on the course D2L site, a course website, or used in any teaching activity such as (but not limited to) examinations, quizzes, assignments, laboratory manuals, lecture slides or lecture materials and other course notes) are protected by law. These materials are for the sole use of students registered in this course and must not be redistributed. Sharing these materials with anyone else would be a breach of the terms and conditions governing student access to D2L, as well as a violation of the copyright in these materials, and may be pursued as a case of student academic or [non-academic misconduct](#), in addition to any other remedies available at law.

Evaluation

The evaluation of performance in the course will consist of three components:

1. **Student presentations - Neuroethics.** Working in 9 groups of 3 or 4 (individual group size will depend on registration), students will give a PowerPoint presentation on Oct 1st, 6th or Oct 8th on one of a set of predefined topics. The PowerPoint file must be uploaded to D2L by 6:00 pm on the evening before the talk.
25% of total.
2. **Term paper.** This will consist of an in-depth answer to a question that will be introduced on Sept

10th (second class). It will be a maximum 6 page answer. Students will have until Monday November 23 (23:59) to submit the written answer.
45% of total.

3. **Student presentation-final.** Working in the same groups as above students will give a PowerPoint presentation on Dec 1st, 3rd or 8th on a topic related to the course to be chosen by the group and approved by Dr. Hulliger by Nov 2nd. 7 days in advance, each group must hand in a written summary, including a (preliminary) list of the references used, by uploading this document to the designated folder in D2L. In addition, by 6:00PM on the evening before the talk, the PowerPoint file must be uploaded to D2L.
30% of total for both components

For further details on all three components (such as format of written submissions) consult *Guidelines and Rubrics* on D2L.

Course Goals (desired outcomes):

- Delineate how the brain and its major regions were discovered from ancient times.
- Review the history of the so-called Neuron Doctrine.
- Evaluate some of the major ethical and societal issues that arise from neuroscience advances.
- Describe the neural basis of sensation, perception, movement, speech and language with an historical perspective.
- Comprehend the characteristics and diagnosis of selected neurological disorders with a historical and societal perspective
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- Gain a basic understanding of the chemical, physical and biological constraints shaping the functional architecture of neurons and brains and its implications for brain function.

Electronically Approved - Sep 15 2020 14:23

Department Approval

Electronically Approved - Sep 16 2020 09:39

Associate Dean's Approval