



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

NEUROPSYCHOLOGY: SUBSTRATES AND MECHANISMS - 51712

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HU Credits: 6

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: psychology

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

Advanced course in cognitive neuropsychology. The course examines the functional and neuroanatomical bases of prevalent neuropsychological deficits, in a critical way.

Course/Module aims:

To expose the students to the state-of-the-art knowledge in neuropsychology, such that they can apply this for evidence-based research and clinical application.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

Discuss the global organization of the central nervous system in terms of networks and hierarchies;

Describe the cognitive phenomenology and functional neuroanatomy of the main neuropsychological deficits;

Compare the cognitive effects of different neuro-degenerative diseases

Discuss the underlying premises of cognitive neuropsychology and their limitations;

Explain the cardinal methods in cognitive neuropsychological research and their limitations

Attendance requirements(%):

90

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures, Presentation of papers by students, Discussions, Clinic visits

Course/Module Content:

- Terms and underlying assumptions in cognitive neuropsychology
- Research methods
 - o Functional dissociations and double dissociations
 - o Structure-function correlations: the lesion effect method
 - o Functional imaging
 - o Modularity and Networks in the brain
- Functional Neuroanatomy

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- *Unilateral Neglect*
 - o *Phenomenology and cognitive models*
 - o *neural models*
 - o *prognosis and rehabilitation*
 - *Visual recognition and Agnosia*
 - *Language and aphasia*
 - *Memory systems and amnesia*
 - *Motor Control and Apraxia*
 - *Executive functions and prefrontal cortex*
 - o *Dorsolateral prefrontal cortex*
 - o *Orbitofrontal cortex*
 - *Neuropsychology of ageing*
 - *Neuropsychology of Dementia*
- Alzheimer disease, Frontotemporal dementia and semantic dementia*
- *Emotional systems*
 - *Mechanisms of recovery and rehabilitation*

Required Reading:

See Moodle

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 80 %

Presentation 10 %

Participation in Tutorials 10 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: