

COURSE:	<b>NEUS 322 - NEUROSCIENCE SEMINAR SPRING SEMESTER, 2013</b>
CLASS TIME & LOCATION:	Wednesdays 12:30 – 1:50 PM RMSC 221
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OFFICE HOURS:	Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10:30 – 11:30 or by appointment
TEXTS:	NONE – Course will use research journal publications found here: <a href="http://dept.wofford.edu/neuroscience/neuroseminar/">http://dept.wofford.edu/neuroscience/neuroseminar/</a>
COURSE DESCRIPTION, RATIONALE, & GOALS:	An interdisciplinary seminar discussing current topics in neuroscience through the examination of literature at the molecular, physiological, and behavioral levels. This course fulfills a program in neuroscience requirement and will prepare students for graduate school seminar series. Course Goals & Outcomes: 1. Be able to read and comprehend articles from a variety of scientific journals. 2. Be able integrate journal articles from molecular, physiological, and behavioral approaches centered on a common neuroscience topic. 3. Be able to lead a group discussion on the collection of journal articles.
EVALUATION:	Your final grade will be determined in the following manner: <b>60%</b> Weekly participation (class discussion and online dialogue) <b>25%</b> Moderating the weekly discussion <b>15%</b> Final introspective paper discussing the integration of molecular, physiological, and behavioral approaches in neuroscience. <b>There is a half letter grade deduction for posting after the noon Monday deadline. There is a full letter grade deduction for not posting or an unexcused absence.</b>
GRADING SCALE:	The final grade letter grade will be assigned according to your level of participation based on the following scale: A = Above average      B = Average      C = Below average D = Inadequate participation in any grading criterion      F = Failing
ABSENCE POLICY:	In accordance with the policy of the college, <b>attendance of all class meetings is mandatory.</b> Students with excessive unexcused absences will first be notified and subsequent continued absences will result in a report to the Dean's office.
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:	The integrity of the academic programs of the college and the value of the credentials of graduates of the college are threatened by acts of academic dishonesty. <b>All acts of academic dishonesty will be dealt with according to the Student Honor Code.</b>
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:	The ADA requires that all qualified persons have equal opportunity and access to education regardless of the presence of any disabling conditions. It is the student's responsibility to inform me of any special accommodations needed. Students needing special accommodations for a testing situation must notify me in advance (at least 1 week) of the exam.

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