

Course Syllabus

Course Information

(course number, course title, term, any specific section title)

Course Prefix, Number, Section HCS 6302-001

Course Title Issues in Behavioral and Brain Science

Term Fall, 2016

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Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions

(including required prior knowledge or skills)

Open only to Ph.D. students in Cognition and Neuroscience, Communication Sciences and Disorders, and Psychological Sciences

Course Description

The course provides new doctoral students in the Ph.D. programs of the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences the opportunity to hear and participate in discussions with BBS faculty. The course focuses on the development of research skills including discussion of faculty research and research strategies, thinking critically about research, and other topics relevant to students beginning Ph.D. studies. Issues of importance to new students including degree planning, achieving program milestones, and job opportunities following graduation are addressed. The course is a mix of lecture and seminar format with student questions, comments, and discussions encouraged and expected.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate through their questions, comments, and written oral exercises the knowledge and ability to plan, conduct, and evaluate research issues in behavioral and brain sciences

2. Students will demonstrate the ability to effectively share their research ideas and accomplishments orally and in written form with peers.

Required Textbooks and Materials

None

Suggested Course Materials

None

Assignments & Academic Calendar

(Topics, Reading Assignments, Due Dates, Exam Dates)

Speakers

Sept. 1	Christine Dollaghan (CSD)
Sept. 8	Shayla Holub (Psy Sci)
Sept. 15	Mandy Maguire (CSD & Psy Sci)
Sept. 22	Christa McIntyre (C&N)
Sept. 29	Bob Stillman (BBS Associate Dean)
Oct. 6	Michael Kilgard (C&N)
Oct. 13	Jim Bartlett (BBS Dean)
Oct. 20	Francesca Filbey (C&N)
Oct. 27	Kristen Kennedy (C&N)
Nov. 3	Student Presentations
Nov.10	Student Presentations
Nov. 17	TBA
Dec. 1	Student Presentations

Grading Policy

(including percentages for assignments, grade scale, etc.)

There are no examinations. However, students must attend all classes, be prepared to discuss any assigned readings, and be active participants in class discussions. Some classes will be held in seminar format and will require extensive student participation while others will include more formal lectures followed by a discussion period. The course is graded P/F. **Attendance and class participation are the key criteria for grading.** In addition, each student will provide a short written synopsis of their research ideas (3 pages or less) at mid-semester. Near the end of the semester, each student will orally present (10-15 minute) the research they are pursuing including the rationale for the project they have begun or are considering and progress they have made in research design and data collection. We know that students will be at different stages in formulation of their research plans, but this is an opportunity to share your ideas and your work-in-progress with your peers. A brief question-answer period will follow each presentation.

Course & Instructor Policies

(make-up exams, extra credit, late work, special assignments, class attendance, classroom citizenship, etc.)

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“As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity, and service in all that I do.”

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The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.