Honours Seminar in Cognitive Science: Part 2

Course Description

See description on course outline for Fall semester.

Requirements and Grading

In addition to attendance every week and participation in class discussion, you are expected to fulfill the following requirements:

Second semester:

1. Weekly thought piece on each week’s readings. [See first semester]
2. Presentation of an article from your bibliography (to be decided before beginning of second semester). [10%]
3. Final presentation on research project, including handout and slides. [10%]
4. Peer evaluation of two projects by other students. [10%]
5. Final research project (approximately 8,000 words). [30%]

All students are also required to attend the Cognitive Science Speaker Series during both semesters. Visiting speakers will be presenting their research around 3 or 4 times per semester and the schedule will be announced at the beginning of each semester. We will try, as far as possible to coordinate our readings with the research presentations of the speakers.

Late Penalties and Excuses

If you are unable to fulfill any of the requirements for this course by the announced deadlines, you must contact me as soon as possible and always before the deadline in question. If you have a legitimate excuse backed up by supporting documentation (e.g. a medical emergency), your penalties will be reduced or (in some cases) waived. The key is to contact me as soon as possible after a problem arises. In the absence of a legitimate excuse, late work will be penalized in accordance with instructions for that particular assignment. Late weekly comments will not be accepted.

Special Accommodation

Students with health-related, learning, physical, psychiatric, or sensory disabilities who require reasonable accommodations in teaching style or evaluation methods should discuss their concerns with me as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Academic Honesty

All students are expected to abide strictly by standards of academic honesty. If you have not done so, please familiarize yourselves with the University Senate Policy on Academic Honesty: http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/
## Topics and Readings (Winter Semester)

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### Reading Week (Feb 18-24)

**Week 8 (Feb 29)**
**The Nature of Consciousness & Hypnotherapy**
(Thanusha Ratneshan)

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**Week 9 (Mar 7)**
**Altered States of Consciousness & Near-Death Experience**
(Tiffany Thompson)

(MAK)

(TT)

**Week 10 (Mar 15)**
**Memory, Self-Deception & Confabulation**
(Sivan Drori)

(MAK)

(SD)

**Week 11 (Mar 22)**
**Concepts: Human & Nonhuman**
(Jonathan Oliver)

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(JO)

**Week 12 (Mar 29)**
**The Language Faculty & Linguistic Competence**
(Peter Verveniotis)

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**Mar 31: One-Day Mini-Conference – Final Presentations**