

ISN214 Social Neuroscience

Unit Description

Social Neuroscience will introduce students to the methods of Social Neuroscience, the evolutionary origins of social intelligence and culture, reading faces and bodies, understanding others, interacting with others, relationships, groups and identity, morality and antisocial behaviour, and developmental social neuroscience.

Required Textbooks and Readings

Ward (2017) The Student's Guide to Social Neuroscience. Psychology Press. Routledge

*Textbooks may be subject to change prior to the start of semester

Administrative Details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Core or Elective	Level	Unit Coordinator	Other Teaching Staff
Bachelor of Psychology	One semester	Core	Second year, Semester 2	TBA	TBA

Learning Outcomes and Assessments

Learning outcomes for Unit	Assessment tasks		
	Type	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)
Introduce the following areas of Social Neuroscience: methods of social neuroscience, evolutionary origins of social intelligence and culture, reading faces and bodies, understanding others, interacting with others, relationships, groups and identity, morality and antisocial behavior, developmental social neuroscience.	Exam [120 item multiple choice test]	Year 2, semester 2, week 14	40%
Develop an understanding of key methodologies for Social Neuroscience	Exam – see above		
Explore an aspect of human nature and review arguments for and against a prescribed proposition using social neuroscience as a basis.	Essay [1500 words]	Year 2, semester 2, week 10	40%
Understand the neuroscientific implications related to a set proposition	Essay – see above		

Learning outcomes for Unit	Assessment tasks		
	Type	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)
Develop the ability to discuss and debate critical issues in the following areas of biological psychology: sensory systems, sensation and perception other, learning and memory, language and intelligence, emotion, reward and aggression.	Tutorial activities (discussion, debates, presentations)	Year 2, throughout semester 2	20%

Delivery mode

Face to face on site with E-learning (online) components;

Full-time or Part-time study

Pre-requisites and co-requisites

Pass grade or higher in all Year 1 units and year 2, semester 1 units

Other Resource and Requirements

None

Unit weighting as a percentage of the year

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
12.5	400

Student workload

No. timetabled hours per week	No. personal study hours per week	Total workload hours per week
4 (1x2 hour lecture; 1x1 hour face-face tutorial and 1x1 hour online activities)	6	10

**Unit outlines may be subject to change. The most up-to-date outlines will be provided to students once the semester commences*