

HURON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
LONDON, CANADA

Psychology 3227B (Winter 2021)
Neuropsychology: Brain Injury Diagnosis, Treatment and Recovery

1.0 COURSE INFORMATION

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Virtual Office Hours: Wednesdays 9:30am – 10:30am (or by appointment)

Time and Location of Lectures: Course delivery will be asynchronous online

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Antirequisite(s): [Psychology 3224A/B](#).

Prerequisite(s): [Psychology 2220A/B](#) or [2221A/B](#) and registration in third or fourth year of the Honors Specialization or Major in Psychology modules, or permission of the department.
3 lecture hours, 0.5 course.

2.0 COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will discuss: 1) Common forms of brain injury, 2) basic neuroanatomy, 3) various methods of diagnosing brain injuries, including neurocognitive assessments and neuroimaging techniques, 4) historical and current treatments of the more common forms of brain injury, and 5) treatment outcomes.

3.0 COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course students should:

- Be familiar with some of the symptoms that follow acquired brain damage in human beings and the assessment of these symptoms
- Have an understanding of what these symptoms can tell us about the normal functional organization of the human brain
- Have an appreciation for the neuroplastic capacities of the developing human and adult brain
- Have further evolved critical thinking and communication skills

4.0 DESCRIPTION OF CLASS METHODS

The neuropsychology course content will be delivered through video recorded lessons and accompanying lesson slides, divided into three course modules. This material will be assessed through three customizable assessment packages. Additionally, students will read a case study book and complete 3 reports related to this larger case study. Finally, students will have the option to participate in online discussions with fellow students about course material and the case study book as an optionable component of the course assessment packages.

5.0 TEXTBOOKS

Cahalan, S. (2012). *Brain on fire: My month of madness*. New York: Free Press. ~Required

6.0 METHODS OF EVALUATION

Upon entry into the course students should already be familiar with central nervous system structure/organization and electrical/chemical communication in the brain, however the major points relating to these topics will be reviewed in the video lessons.

There will be three assessment packages for students to complete. These assessment packages will examine your understanding of the neuropsychology course material as delivered through recorded video lessons and accompanying lesson PowerPoint slides over three learning modules.

In addition to the assessment packages, students will be graded on three case study reports (these reflection/connection papers will each be worth 10 - 20% of your final course grade) examining our case study book, *Brain on Fire: My Month of Madness*. The details of this set of writing assignments and a marking rubric for them will be provided early in the course.

<u>Test - D</u>	<u>ate -</u>	<u>% of Final Mark</u>	
Assessment Pack 1 -	Fri Feb 5 -	10%	
Case Study Report 1 -	Fri Feb 5 -		10%
Assessment Pack 2 -	Fri Mar 12 -	20%	
Case Study Report 2 -	Fri Mar 12 -		20%
Assessment Pack 3 -	Wed Apr 14 - 2		0%
Case Study Report 3 -	Wed Apr 14 -	20%	

7.0 Statement Regarding Grades in Psychology at Huron University College

Students at Huron University College should consider a grade in the range from 75-79 to be evidence of satisfactory performance in a 3000-level Psychology course. Grades in the A (80-90%) range will only be awarded for performance that is demonstrably superior to the third or fourth-year standard associated with the Major or Minor modules. A grade of A+ (90-100%) will only be awarded rarely and only for work that is exceptional.

8.0 Lesson Schedule

Module	Video Lessons
#1: January 11 – February 5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction & Neuroanatomy 2. Brain Imaging 3. Principles of Neocortical Function 4. Disconnection Syndromes
#2: February 8 – March 12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Neuropsychological Assessment & Spatial Behaviour 2. Learning & Memory 3. Language 4. Emotion
#3 March 15 – April 12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Early Neuroplasticity 2. Adult Neuroplasticity 3. Neuroplasticity Scholarship Part 1 4. Neuroplasticity Scholarship Part 2

9.0 Assessment Options

For each module students must complete an Assessment Pack. An Assessment Pack requires that students complete 4 Demonstrate Your Learning Tasks (DYLTs) from a listing of 5 DYLT choices. Students must complete 1 DYLT for each video posted in each module. A different DYLT must be selected for each video. To summarize, your assessment pack submission will include 4 different DYLTs, one for each video in the module. Below, the 5 different DYLTs that students can choose from are described.

The Demonstrate Your Learning Tasks (DYLTs) that students can select from to produce an Assessment Pack (4 different DYLTs). Full assignment sheets for these DYLTs and their associated marking schemes will be available on our OWL site at the beginning of our class.

DYLT #1: Infographic Creation

- To demonstrate your comprehension of the video content you will create a one page (8x10) infographic that showcases what you determine are the five most important take home points from the video in question
- If you are unfamiliar with what an infographic is, here is a link to a website that describes what infographics are: <https://venngage.com/blog/what-is-an-infographic/>
- You can use a computer to create your infographic or you can create one by hand
- If you create your infographic by hand just take a picture of it that you can include in the final word document assessment package that you submit on OWL

DYLT #2: Video Summary

- Create a written summary for the video under examination
- Your summary for the video should be no more than 3 double spaced pages long
- Given this page limit it is not possible to summarize all of the material covered in the video
- The idea is to highlight and describe what you feel the are the most important/interesting aspects of each video in an impactful way
- Feel free to exert some creativity – your summary need not be entirely text
 - o For example - you could use graphics or vary the colour and type of font to make very important information stand out
- You are aiming to showcase your thoughtful consideration of the material, clearly demonstrate your understanding of the material and showcase your ability to creatively present this information

DYLT #3: Spinoff Vlog

- Create a 10 minute science vlog that will examine one topic from the video lesson in question in a deeper way
- In your video, begin by identifying the concept that piqued your interest or that you want to learn more about
- Summarize the material in question, adding your own touches that personalize your explanation of the material
- Then, explore the academic literature and find one recent (2010+) interesting scholarly (peer reviewed) article that will allow you to push your learning further
- Summarize and present the new information you've learned about the topic in an interest capturing, impactful way

- You are aiming to showcase your thoughtful consideration of the material, clearly demonstrate your understanding of the material and showcase your ability to creatively present this information in a memorable manner

DYLT #4: Question Corner

- In this DYLT you will take on the role of professor
- You will develop 8 short answer questions that you think would adequately assess a student's comprehension of the video material
- The questions you develop should elicit answers in the 3 – 5 point range
- The aim in this task is to showcase your discerning of the most important information to take away from the video in question
- In addition to developing the questions, you will also need to develop potential answers and show how you would allot points
- Finally, at least three of the questions that you develop need to be critical thought questions in which a student would need to apply the material learned rather than simply re-state information from the video

DYLT #5: Online Student Discussion

- For each module, one video will be flagged as the video of discussion for that module
- The selected video and the corresponding section of our class case study book, Brain on Fire, will be up for discussion
- If you choose to participate in the online discussion as one of your DYLTs you will need to develop two comments to post that reflect what you found interesting about the material in the video/memoir and explain why
- You will also need to develop two response posts to deliver to your fellow students participating in the discussion
- To achieve full marks in this task you will need to very clearly and thoroughly demonstrate your understanding of the material in question through clear well-crafted communication and thoughtful, sophisticated insights



Appendix to Course Outlines: Academic Policies & Regulations 2020 - 2021

Prerequisite and Antirequisite Information

Students are responsible for ensuring that they have successfully completed all course prerequisites and that they have not completed any course antirequisites. Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enrol in it without them, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. If you enrol in this course despite having already taken an antirequisite you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. Removals for these reasons may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites or for having already taken the antirequisites.

Conduct of Students in Classes, Lectures, and Seminars

Membership in the community of Huron University College and Western University implies acceptance by every student of the principle of respect for the rights, responsibilities, dignity and well-being of others and a readiness to support an environment conducive to the intellectual and personal growth of all who study, work and live within it. Upon registration, students assume the responsibilities that such registration entails. The academic and social privileges granted to each student are conditional upon the fulfillment of these responsibilities.

While in the physical classroom or online classroom, students are expected to behave in a manner that supports the learning environment of others. Students can avoid any unnecessary disruption of the class by arriving in sufficient time and ready for the start of the class, by remaining silent while the professor is speaking or another student has the floor, and by taking care of personal needs prior to the start of class. If a student is late, or knows that he/she will have to leave class early, be courteous: enter and leave quietly. Please see the Code of Student Conduct at: www.huronuc.on.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/Code%20of%20Student%20Conduct.pdf.

Technology

It is not appropriate to use technology (such as, but not limited to, laptops, cell phones) in the classroom for non-classroom activities. Such activity is disruptive and distracting to other students and to the instructor, and can inhibit learning. Students are expected to respect the classroom environment and to refrain from inappropriate use of technology and other electronic devices in class.

Adding / Dropping Courses

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your workload is not manageable, you should consult your Academic Advisor. If you are considering reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines. Please refer to the Huron website, <https://huronatwestern.ca/academic-advising> or review the list of official Sessional Dates on the Academic Calendar, available here: <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm>.

You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP and/or Scholarship/Bursary eligibility.

Class Cancellations

In the event of a cancellation of class, every effort will be made to post all relevant information on the OWL class site and on the Huron website at, <https://huronatwestern.ca/about/accessibility>.

Attendance Regulations for Examinations

A student is entitled to be examined in courses in which registration is maintained, subject to the following limitations:

- 1) A student may be debarred from writing the final examination for failure to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year.
- 2) Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course. The Dean of the Faculty offering the course will communicate that decision to the Dean of the Faculty of registration.

Please see the policy on Attendance Regulations for Examinations here: https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/exam/attendance.pdf.

Academic Student Support Services

For advice on course selections, degree requirements, and for assistance with requests for medical accommodation, students should email an Academic Advisor in Huron's Student Support Services at huronsss@uwo.ca. An outline of the range of services offered is found on the Huron website at: <https://huronatwestern.ca/academic-advising>.

Department Chairs, Program Directors and Coordinators are also able to answer questions about individual programs. Contact information can be found on the Huron website at: <https://huronatwestern.ca/contact/contact-directory>.

Copyright Regarding Course Material

Lectures and course materials, including PowerPoint presentations, tests, outlines, and similar materials are protected by copyright. Faculty members are the exclusive owner of copyright in those materials they create. Students may take notes and make copies for their own use. Students may not allow others to reproduce or distribute lecture notes and course materials publicly (whether or not a fee is charged) without the express written consent of a faculty member. Similarly, students own copyright in their own original papers and exam essays. If a faculty member is interested in posting a student's answers or papers on the course website he/she should ask for the student's written permission.

Statement on Academic Integrity

The International Centre for Academic Integrity defines academic integrity as "a commitment, even in the face of adversity, to five fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. From these values flow principles of behaviour that enable academic communities to translate ideals to action." (CAI Fundamental Values Project, 1999).

A lack of academic integrity is indicated by such behaviours as the following:

- Cheating on tests;
- Fraudulent submissions online;
- Plagiarism in papers submitted (including failure to cite and piecing together unattributed sources);
- Unauthorized resubmission of course work to a different course;
- Helping someone else cheat;
- Unauthorized collaboration;
- Fabrication of results or sources;
- Purchasing work and representing it as one's own.

Academic Integrity: Importance and Impact

Being at university means engaging with a variety of communities in the pursuit and sharing of knowledge and understanding in ways that are clear, respectful, efficient, and productive. University communities have established norms of academic integrity to ensure responsible, honest, and ethical behavior in the academic work of the university, which is best done when sources of ideas are properly and fully acknowledged and when responsibility for ideas is fully and accurately represented.

In the academic sphere, unacknowledged use of another's work or ideas is not only an offence against the community of scholars, it is also an obstacle to academic productivity. It may also be understood as fraud and may constitute an infringement of legal copyright.

A university is a place for fulfilling one's potential and challenging oneself, and this means rising to challenges rather than finding ways around them. The achievements in an individual's university studies can only be fairly evaluated quantitatively through true and honest representation of the actual learning done by the student. Equity in assessment for all students is ensured through fair representation of the efforts by each.

Acting with integrity at university constitutes a good set of practices for maintaining integrity in later life. Offences against academic integrity are therefore taken very seriously as part of the university's work in preparing students

to serve, lead, and innovate in the world at large.

A university degree is a significant investment of an individual's, and the public's, time, energies, and resources in the future, and habits of academic integrity protect that investment by preserving the university's reputation and ensuring public confidence in higher education.

Students found guilty of plagiarism will suffer consequences ranging from a grade reduction, to failure in the course, to expulsion from the university. In addition, a formal letter documenting the offence will be filed in the Dean's Office, and this record of the offence will be retained in the Dean's Office for the duration of the student's academic career at Huron University College.

Statement on Academic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, as per the Academic Calendar:

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&Command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading_189 .

Turnitin.com

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<https://www.turnitin.com/>).

Computer-Marked Tests/exams

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

Clickers

Personal Response Systems ("clickers") may be used in some classes. If clickers are to be used in a class, it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the device is activated and functional. Students must see their instructor if they have any concerns about whether the clicker is malfunctioning. Students must use only their own clicker. If clicker records are used to compute a portion of the course grade:

- the use of somebody else's clicker in class constitutes a scholastic offence
- the possession of a clicker belonging to another student will be interpreted as an attempt to commit a scholastic offence.

Academic Accommodation for Students With Disabilities

Students who require **special** accommodation for tests and/or other course components must make the appropriate arrangements with the Student Development Centre (SDC). Further details concerning policies and procedures may be found at: <http://academicsupport.uwo.ca/>.

Please review the full policy at,

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic%20Accommodation_disabilities.pdf.

Academic Consideration for Missed Work

Students who are seeking academic consideration for missed work during the semester may submit a self-reported absence form online provided that the absence is 48 hours or less and the other conditions specified in the Senate policy at

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic_Consideration_for_absences.pdf are met.

Students whose absences are expected to last longer than 48 hours, or where the other conditions detailed in the policy are not met (e.g., work is worth more than 30% of the final grade, the student has already used 2 self-reported absences, the absence is during the final exam period), may receive academic consideration by submitting a Student Medical Certificate (for illness) or other appropriate documentation (for compassionate grounds). The Student Medical Certificate is available online at https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf.

All students pursuing academic consideration, regardless of type, must contact their instructors no less than 24 hours following the end of the period of absence to clarify how they will be expected to fulfill the academic responsibilities missed during their absence. **Students are reminded that they should consider carefully the implications of postponing tests or midterm exams or delaying submission of work, and are encouraged to make appropriate decisions based on their specific circumstances.**

Students who have conditions for which academic accommodation is appropriate, such as disabilities or ongoing or chronic health conditions, should work with Accessible Education Services to determine appropriate forms of accommodation.

Requests for Academic Consideration Using the Self-Reported Absence Form

Students who experience an unexpected illness or injury or an extenuating circumstance (48 hours or less) that is sufficiently severe to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements (e.g., attending lectures or labs, writing tests or midterm exams, completing and submitting assignments, participating in presentations) should self-declare using the online Self-Reported Absence portal. This option should be used in situations where the student expects to resume academic responsibilities within 48 hours or less.

Please note the following conditions that are in place for self-reporting or medical of extenuating circumstances:

- Students will be allowed **a maximum of two self-reported absences** between September and April and one self-reported absence between May and August;
- Any absences in excess of the number designated in clause a above, regardless of duration, will require students to present a [Student Medical Certificate \(SMC\)](#), signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner, detailing the duration and severity of illness, or appropriate documentation supporting extenuating circumstances to the Academic Counselling unit in their Faculty of registration no later than two business days after the date specified for resuming responsibilities.
- Self-reported absences will not be allowed for scheduled final examinations; for midterm examinations scheduled during the December examination period; or for final lab examinations scheduled during the final week of term.
- Self-reporting may not be used for assessments (e.g. midterm exams, tests, reports, presentations, or essays) worth more than 30% of any given course.
- Students must be in touch with their instructors **no later than 24 hours after the end of the period covered by the Self-Reported Absence form**, to clarify how they will be expected to fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence.

Please review the full policy at,

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_illness.pdf.

Policy on “Academic” Accommodation - Medical / Non-Medical Grounds

- (a) **Medical Grounds** for assignments worth 10% or more of final grade: Go directly to Huron Support Services/ Academic Advising, or email huronsss@uwo.ca.

University Senate policy, which can be found at,

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf, requires that all student requests for accommodation on medical grounds for assignments worth 10% or more of the final grade be made directly to the academic advising office of the home faculty (for Huron students, the “home faculty” is Huron), with supporting documentation in the form (minimally) of the Senate-approved Student Medical Certificate found at:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf .

The documentation is submitted in confidence and will not be shown to instructors. The advisors will contact the instructor when the medical documentation is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the medical challenge as expressed on the Student Medical Certificate and in any other supporting documentation. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified of the presence of medical documentation, and will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation.

The instructor will not normally deny accommodation where appropriate medical documentation is in place and where the duration it describes aligns with the due date(s) of assignment(s). Before denying a request for accommodation on medical grounds, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor's decision is appealable to the Dean.

(b) Accommodation on Medical Grounds for assignments worth *less than 10%* of final grade: Consult Instructor Directly

When seeking accommodation on medical grounds for assignments worth less than 10% of the final course grade, the student should contact the instructor directly. The student need only share broad outlines of the medical situation. The instructor **may** require the student to submit documentation to the academic advisors, in which case she or he will advise the student and inform the academic advisors to expect documentation. The instructor may **not** collect medical documentation. The advisors will contact the instructor when the medical documentation is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the medical challenge as expressed on the Student Medical Certificate and in any other supporting documentation. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified of the presence of medical documentation, and will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation.

The instructor will not normally deny accommodation where appropriate medical documentation is in place and where the duration it describes aligns with the due date(s) of assignment(s). Before denying a request for accommodation on medical grounds, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor's decision is appealable to the Dean.

(c) Non-Medical Grounds: Consult Huron Support Services/ Academic Advising

Where the grounds for seeking accommodation are not medical (e.g. varsity sports, religious, compassionate, bereavement) the student should contact an academic advisor directly. All accommodation requests must include a completed [Accommodation Request Form](#). Late penalties may apply at the discretion of the instructor.

Where a student seeks accommodation on non-medical grounds where confidentiality is a concern, the student should approach an academic advisor with any documentation available. The advisors will contact the instructor after the student's request is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the challenge without breaching confidence. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified that significant circumstances are affecting or have affected the student's ability to complete work, and the student will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation. Before denying a request for accommodation where documentation has been submitted to an academic advisor, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor's decision is appealable to the Dean.

Mental Health & Wellness Support at Huron and Western

University students may encounter setbacks from time to time that can impact academic performance. Huron offers a variety of services that are here to support your success and wellbeing. Please visit <https://huronatwestern.ca/student-life-campus/student-services/wellness-safety> for more information or contact staff directly:

Wellness Services: huronwellness@huron.uwo.ca

Community Safety Office: safety@huron.uwo.ca

Chaplaincy: gthorne@huron.uwo.ca

Additional supports for Health and Wellness may be found and accessed at Western through, www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/.

Important Dates & Directory

For a current and up-to-date list of important dates and campus directories, please visit:

- **Huron – Important Dates:** <https://huronuc.ca/important-dates-and-deadlines>
- **Academic Calendar & Sessional Dates:** <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm>
- **Huron Directory – Faculty, Staff and Administration:** <https://huronuc.ca/index.php/contact/contact-directory>
- **Western Directory – Faculty, Staff and Administration:** <https://www.uwo.ca/directory.html>