

**PSYCHOLOGY 119F: NEURAL CIRCUITS AND BEHAVIOR (FALL 2009)**

Time: M F 11:00A - 12:15P Location: PUB AFF 1246

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**Reading:** Selected chapters from *Behavioral Neurobiology* by Thomas Carew (textbook available at Ackerman), plus additional reading to be assigned and posted on the course website. All lecture slides will be made available on the website in PowerPoint format.

**Grades in the course will be determined as follows**

- 37.5% Midterm #1 (in class, Friday Oct 16)
- 37.5% Midterm #2 (in class, Friday Nov 13th)
- 25.0% Midterm #3 (in class, Friday Dec 4th)

• Exams will cover ONLY material discussed in the lectures and will not be cumulative (see course schedule on next page for which lectures are covered on each exam).

• **MAKEUP EXAM POLICY:** Exams MUST be taken at the prescribed dates and times. Students who cannot attend exams because of university-sponsored activities (such as sports competitions) may take the exam outside of class only if it is proctored by a UCLA faculty member on the scheduled exam day. In rare cases of a verifiable emergency (serious illness, death in the family, etc.), students might be permitted to take a makeup exam after providing full documentation of the emergency and a detailed account of their current class schedule. In such cases, the makeup exam (which will not be the same as the original exam) will be given during finals week (no exceptions), at a time and date to be determined later. A student who has been excused from an exam will only be allowed to take a makeup exam during finals week if they have done well enough on their other exams to earn a 'C' or better by earning 90% credit or better on the makeup exam. Otherwise, they will receive a zero for the missed exam and fail the course.

• **LATE DROP POLICY:** Sometimes students feel that they must drop a course after the drop deadline due to extenuating circumstances such as health problems, family problems, etc. All late drop requests must be handled by the academic advising office. If you attempt to drop the class after the drop deadline, the advising office will ask you to give me a form to sign. I will sign the form with a note saying that I have no opinion about whether you should be permitted to drop the class. The drop decision is made solely by the advising office and not by me. I have no authority in such decisions.

• **REMEDIAL WORK POLICY:** Sometimes students who are unhappy with their grade request an opportunity to raise their grade by doing extra remedial work. **YOUR GRADE ON COURSE EXAMS IS ABSOLUTELY FINAL. NO STUDENT WILL EVER BE ALLOWED TO IMPROVE THEIR GRADE BY DOING EXTRA CREDIT WORK OR RETAKING THE CLASS.** We cannot offer remedial assignments to all 100 students in the class, and offering them to some but not other would be grossly unfair.

## COURSE SCHEDULE & OUTLINE

### WEEK 0

Sep. 25      Fri      *Course introduction*

### WEEK 1

Sep. 28      Mon      *Crayfish tail reflex (Carew Chapter 7)*

Oct. 2      Fri      *Locust flight (Carew Chapter 6)*

### WEEK 2

Oct. 5      Mon      *Cricket phonotaxis (Carew Chapter 5)*

Oct. 9      Fri      *Barn owl auditory localization (Carew Chapter 3)*

### WEEK 3

Oct. 12      Mon      *Bat sonar (Carew Chapter 2)*

Oct. 16      Fri      *MIDTERM #1 (covers Sep. 25 through Oct. 12)*

### WEEK 5

Oct. 19      Mon      *no class (SFN meeting)*

Oct. 23      Fri      *TBA*

### WEEK 6

Oct. 26      Mon      *TBA*

Oct. 30      Fri      *TBA*

### WEEK 7

Nov. 2      Mon      *TBA*

Nov. 6      Fri      *TBA*

### WEEK 8

Nov. 9      Mon      *TBA*

Nov. 13      Fri      *MIDTERM #2 (covers Oct. 23 through Nov. 9)*

### WEEK 9

Nov. 16      Mon      *TBA*

Nov. 20      Fri      *TBA*

### WEEK 10

Nov. 23      Mon      *TBA*

Nov. 27      Fri      *THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY*

### WEEK 11

Nov. 30      Mon      *TBA*

Dec. 4      Fri      *MIDTERM #3 (covers Nov. 16 through Dec. 4)*

### FINALS WEEK

Time & date TBA

*MAKEUP EXAMS (if necessary for excused students ONLY)*