

Course syllabus

Course title	Intruduction to neuroanatomy
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Affiliation	Faculty of Psychology, University of Warsaw
Course format	seminar
Number of hours	30 hours
Number of ECTS credits	3 ECTS credits = 90 hours work load: 30 hours – class attendance 20 hours – reading weekly literature 40 hours – prepering for exams
Brief course description	This course is designed to familiarize students with functional anatomy of the nervous system (NS). We will focus on the structure and function of the cental NS, although the organisation of the peripheral NS also will be discussed. The clinical significance of different cerebral regions and neural connections will be explored by studing symptoms and anatomical bases of multiple neurological disorders. Students will consolidate their knowledge by doing control exercises in class, reading additional texts and watching educational films.
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are also explored.

Learning outcomes	<p>By the end of the course students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identify the anatomical and functional divisions of the nervous system (K_W05) - recognize the major features of the external and internal morphology of the adult brain and spinal cord (K_W05) - understand the organization of functional systems, sensory and motor (K_W05, K_W07, K_U07) - understand the organization of the higher cortical processes (K_W05, K_W07, K_U07) - knows the basic methods of studying the structural and functional aspects nervous system (K_W07) - understand clinical deficits following lesions within the CNS (K_W05, K_W07, K_U07) - be able to interpret basic brain images (K_W05, K_W07, K_U07) - build their understanding of functional neuroanatomy on their own through reading scientific literature (K_K01, K_K02)
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Learning activities and teaching methods	<p>Students will experience lectures, discussions, and practice exercises in class. The lecturer's presentations will be supported with short educational videos, e.g. http://www.neuroanatomy.ca/videos.html</p>
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List of topics/classes and bibliography	<p>Recommended bibliography:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Text: Nolte, J. (2008, 6th edition). <i>The human brain. An introduction to its functional anatomy</i>. Philadelphia: Mosby Elsevier. 2. Atlas: Felten, D. L., Shetty, A. N. (2003, 2nd edition). <i>Netter's atlas of neuroscience</i>. Philadelphia: Saunders. 3. Kalat J. (2016). <i>Biological psychology</i>. Boston: Cengage. <p>List of topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction and organization of the nervous system Nolte: Chapter 1, 2, 3 2. Neurons and neuroglia Nolte: Chapter 7 3. Synaptic transmission between neurons Nolte: Chapter 8 4. Sensory receptors and the peripheral nervous system Nolte: Chapter 9 5. Spinal cord and the ascending and descending tracts Nolte: Chapter 10 6. Brainstem and the cranial nerves Nolte: Chapter 11, 12 7. Cerebellum Nolte: Chapter 20 8. Cerebrum
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	<p>Nolte: Chapter 3, 4, 5</p> <p>9. The structure and functional localization of the cerebral cortex Nolte: Chapter 22</p> <p>10. Basal ganglia Nolte: Chapter 19</p> <p>11. Limbic system Nolte: Chapter 23</p> <p>12. Visual system Nolte: Chapter 17</p> <p>13. Chemical senses of taste and smell Nolte: Chapter 13</p> <p>14. Hearing and balance Nolte: Chapter 14</p> <p>15. The overview of motor system Nolte: Chapter 18</p>
Assessment methods and criteria	2 Written Tests (100%): These assessments will include a mix of multiple-choice and short-answer questions. Your final grade will be calculated as the average of your scores on these two tests.
Attendance rules	Two unexcused absences are allowed. The 3rd unexcused absence may result in lowering the grade. More than three unexcused absences is equivalent to the course failure.
Prerequisites	-
Academic honesty	Students must respect the principles of academic integrity. Cheating and plagiarism (including copying work from other students, internet or other sources) are serious violations that are punishable and instructors are required to report all cases to the administration.
Remarks	-
