NOT A CURRENT SYLLABUS – use this Winter 2016 syllabus to get an idea about content of course for:

Psychology 388  
Social Neuroscience  
Sharon Akimoto, Larry Wichlinski  
Winter Term, 2016

Office Hours:

Sharon (sakimoto, x4503): Mon 12:00-1:00, Thurs 3:00-4:00 and by appointment  
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Required Books and readings:


Additional readings are available on e-reserve through the library. Password: psyc.

About the Course:

This upper level seminar will explore how the brain functions in social contexts. We will examine how brain events bias social behavior and cognition, as well as how social behavior and cognition influence brain functioning. Course readings will emphasize the primary literature in the field. **Prerequisite:** Psychology 110 required; Psychology 216 and 256 or 258 recommended.

Requirements Fulfilled:

For psychology majors, this course counts toward your upper level seminar requirement. For neuroscience concentrators, this course counts as an elective.

Assessment:

Take Home Exam I: 30%  
Take Home Exam II: 30%  
Presentation: 15%  
Class participation and class leading: 25%

Electronic Etiquette

Please turn off your cell phones before class begins. Please do not text, check e-mail, or surf the internet during class. We consider this a matter of respect toward your classmates and us.

Students with Special Needs:

Those with special needs should see us as soon as possible in the term, concerning any needed accommodations.

Final Thoughts:

Have a great term!
## Course Calendar:

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<td>The Social Brain Overview</td>
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<td>Group Processes I: Compliance / conformity</td>
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Feb. 11th  Thurs.  Group Processes II: In group/out group
Assignment: Luo et al (2015);
Chekroud et al, (2014);
Molenberghs (2013)

Feb. 12th Take Home Exam DUE on Moodle

Feb. 16th  Tues.  Group Processes III: Dehumanization/racial biases
Assignment: Harris & Fiske (2006);
Haslam & Loughnan (2014);
Terbeck et al (2012);
Optional: Amodio (2013)

Feb. 18th  Thurs.  Aggression
Assignment: Ward Ch. 10;
Crockett et al (2013);
Carre & Putnam (2010)

Feb. 23rd  Tues.  Antisocial & Psychopathic Behavior
Assignment: Stratton (2015);
Glenn et al (2013);
Cummings (2015)

Feb. 25th  Thurs.  Culture and the Brain
Assignment: Rule et al (2013);
Ma et al (2014)

Mar. 1st  Tues.  Presentations I

Mar. 3rd  Thurs.  Presentations II

Mar. 8th  Tues.  Last day of classes
Assignment: Burton Ch. 13

Take Home Exam II due last day of final exam period on Moodle.

References (available on e-reserve)


