# COURSE CHANGE REQUEST
## Graduate Programs

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**Current Course Prefix and Number**  PSB 6346  **Current Course Title**  Neuroscience 2

*Syllabus must be attached for ANY changes to current course details. See Guidelines. Please consult and list departments that may be affected by the changes; attach documentation.*

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<td>Change description to:</td>
<td>This course is for graduate students that have successfully completed Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience (PSB6345). The course follows from PSB6345 with development, neuroanatomy, sensory systems, motor systems and cognition. Students well versed in the content of PSB6345 may petition the course Director permission to take the course.</td>
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| Change prerequisites/minimum grades to:  | none |
| Change corequisites to:  | none |
| Change registration controls to:  | none |

**Effective Term/Year for Changes:**  Spring, 2022  **Terminate course? Effective Term/Year for Termination:**

**Faculty Contact/Email/Phone**  Carmen Varela/varelac@fau.edu/5617998555

**Approved by**  
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Email this form and syllabus to UGPC@fau.edu one week before the UGPC meeting.
Course Title: SYSTEMS AND INTEGRATIVE NEUROSCIENCE, PSB 6346-001,002,003,004
CRNs: 10915 (section 001), 11430 (s. 002), 12012 (s. 3, Jupiter), 12532 (s. 4, Davie)
Number of credits: 3

Logistics:  Term: Spring 2020
Computing Center (CM), Room 130 (Course will be broadcast to Jupiter, RF 119 & Davie, DW 108)
Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-10:50 AM

Instructors (Office Hours):
Dr. Carmen Varela, Office: BS-12 room 244 (Boca); MC-19 (Jupiter) room 106, after each lecture or by appointment

Course Description: This course is for graduate students that have successfully completed Neuroscience 1. The course follows from Neuroscience 1 (PSB 6345) with a discussion of neural development, functional neuroanatomy, sensory systems, motor systems, association and limbic systems, and the neural mechanisms of higher cognitive function. Interested graduate students, who have not completed Neuroscience 1, must consult the course director.

Course Objectives: This is a foundation course designed to prepare graduate students for more in depth material in the area of systems, cognitive and behavioral neuroscience. The topics to be covered are extensive, and so the course will give an overview of each topic; students are expected to actively participate, reading the materials provided and researching additional resources as necessary to complete your understanding and knowledge of the subject matter. Basic materials will be provided in class or on the course website on Canvas. The course will follow a lecture format with in-class discussion. Questions and comments are strongly encouraged. The lectures will largely be based on primary literature.


Required Papers for Literature Discussions (will be provided through canvas):

Discussion 1: Paper set 1: How is information encoded and transmitted in neural systems?
   Hubel & Wiesel, 1963; Felleman & Van Essen, 1991; Guillery, 1995; Fuster, 2009

Discussion 2: Systems level conceptual frameworks to understanding brain function. Papers TBA

The goal of these discussions is to reinforce learning through active engagement and to review a group of related papers in an informal setting. While students are encouraged to participate in all the lectures, the discussions will have a strong focus on student participation, providing an extended opportunity to raise questions, clarify concepts, sharpen critical reading skills and benefit from exploring topics in a group.

Course Evaluation Method: Course grade will be based on (i) three equally weighted (30% each) exams, for 90% of the final grade. The remaining 10% points are based on attendance and participation in lectures and discussions. The exams will be comprised of multiple-choice and short essay style questions to test your understanding of course topics. Exams will be based on material from lecture and assigned readings. No extra credit will be given. As a graduate course, final

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grades fall on a scale of A – C, with a grade of C representing insufficient mastery of the material. An incomplete grade (I) will not be given in lieu of a grade of C.

**Reasonable Accommodation Statement for Makeup:** Reasonable accommodation will be made for students participating in a religious observance or in University-approved activities, including athletic or scholastics teams, musical and theatrical performances and debate activities.

**Disability policy statement:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA), students who require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to properly execute coursework must register with Student Accessibility Services (SAS) and follow all SAS procedures. SAS has offices across three of FAU’s campuses – Boca Raton, Davie and Jupiter – however disability services are available for students on all campuses. For more information, please visit the SAS website at [www.fau.edu/sas/](http://www.fau.edu/sas/).

**Code of Academic Integrity policy statement:** Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Academic dishonesty is considered a serious breach of these ethical standards, because it interferes with the university mission to provide a high quality education in which no student enjoys an unfair advantage over any other. Academic dishonesty is also destructive of the university community, which is grounded in a system of mutual trust and places high value on personal integrity and individual responsibility. Harsh penalties are associated with academic dishonesty. For more information, see University Regulation 4.001 [http://www.fau.edu/regulations/chapter4/4.001_Code_of_Academic_Integrity.pdf](http://www.fau.edu/regulations/chapter4/4.001_Code_of_Academic_Integrity.pdf).

If your college has particular policies relating to cheating and plagiarism, state so here or provide a link to the full policy—but be sure the college policy does not conflict with the University Regulation.

**Credit Hour Definition:** This course involves 50 minutes of in class instruction for each credit hour per week, and a minimum of two hours of out of class assignments each week for 15 weeks. To master the material covered in this course it is expected that the student will spend a minimum of two hours per week per credit hour on the out of classroom assignments.

**Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Center:** Life as a university student can be challenging physically, mentally and emotionally. Students who find stress negatively affecting their ability to achieve academic or personal goals may wish to consider utilizing FAU’s Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Center. CAPS provides FAU students a range of services – individual counseling, support meetings, and psychiatric services, to name a few – offered to help improve and maintain emotional well-being. For more information, go to [http://www.fau.edu/counseling/](http://www.fau.edu/counseling/)

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Lecture Schedule / Assigned Readings:

The following topics will be covered. This schedule is subject to change. Exams will be based on material covered in class.

01-14(T): Introduction to Systems Neuroscience (KSJ: 1) – Varela
01-16(R): Overview of Experimental Approaches in Systems NS, part 1: Varela (LL: 13)
01-21(T): Neuroanatomy 1 – Somatic sensation, receptors, and organization of the spinal cord (PAF: 9) – Vertes
01-23(R): Neuroanatomy 2 – Organization of brainstem and forebrain (PAF: Appendix, Survey of Human Neuroanatomy) – Vertes
01-28(T): Overview of Experimental Approaches in Systems NS, part 2: Zhang (LL: 13)
02-04(T): Neural development – Development of Nervous system: Part 2 (PAF: 22) – Guthrie
02-06(R): Neural development – Development of Nervous system: Part 3 (PAF: 23) – Guthrie

02-11(T): Exam 1 (in Boca)

02-13(R): Literature Discussion 1: Encoding and transmission of information (ensemble encoding, hierarchical organizations) – Varela
02-18(T): Sensory coding, circuits of the spinal cord and brainstem – Varela (materials will be covered on 3/24)
02-20(R): Retina, organization and phototransduction (PAF: 11; RWR: 3,5,8) – Hamer
02-25(T): Auditory system (PAF: 13) – Danesh
02-27(R): Vestibular system (PAF: 13) – Danesh
03-03(T): LGN and Primary visual cortex – neurons and networks (PAF: 12) – Hamer
03-05(R): Visual association cortices – dorsal & ventral stream (PAF: 26) – Hamer

03-07 through 13: No classes - Spring Break: March 7-13th, 2019

03-17(T): Motor cortex, planning and movement (PAF: 16,17) – Vertes
03-19(R): Visit to the Anatomy Lab, School of Medicine (presentation by Dr. Rainald Schmidt-Kastner)
03-24(T): Literature Discussion 2 - Conceptual Frameworks in Systems NS – Varela First part of the class: Spinal cord and brainstem

03-26(R): Exam 2 (in Boca)

03-31(T): Cerebellum – Vertes
04-02(R): Basal Ganglia (PAF: 17,18; KSJ: 42,43) – Vertes
04-07(T): Limbic & regulatory systems (septum, hypothalamus, sleep centers) (KSJ: 47,48,49; PAF: 27) – Vertes
04-09(R): Hippocampus: navigation (LL: 13) – Zhang
04-14(T): Hippocampus: episodic memory (KSJ: 67) – Varela
04-16(R): Learning: memory consolidation; value assignment. Hippocampus-neocortical interactions, amygdala (KSJ: 67) – Varela
04-21(T): Cognitive behavior – Prefrontal cortex; working memory, cognitive flexibility (KSJ: 67) – Alexander

04-30 (R): Exam 3 – 7:45-10:15am (in Boca)

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MEMORANDUM

To: William Kalies, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
Christopher Beetle, Chair, College Graduate Programs Committee, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

From: Sarah L. Milton, Chair, Department of Biological Sciences

Cc: Teresa Wilcox, Interim Dean, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
Randy Blakely, Executive Director, FAU Brain Institute
Robin Vallacher, Interim Chair, Department of Psychology
Gary Perry, Director, Center for Complex Systems

Date: March 5, 2021

Re: Course Title Changes for Neuroscience 1 & 2

Dear Bill and Chris,

The Department of Biological Sciences has reviewed and endorse the changes to Neuroscience 1 (PSB 6345, now Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience) and Neuroscience 2 (PSB 6346, now Systems and Integrative Neuroscience). We have prepared and attach requests to update the catalog program description accordingly.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Sarah L. Milton
Professor and Chair
Department of Biological Sciences
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Date: February 9th, 2021

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Gary W. Perry, PhD
Professor of Neuroscience & Director
To: Dr. Bill Kalies
Re: Changes to Neuroscience 1 (PSB 6345, now Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience) and Neuroscience 2 (PSB 6346, now Systems and Integrative Neuroscience).

February 6, 2021

Hi Bill,

The name changes to Neuroscience 1 (PSB 6345, now Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience) and Neuroscience 2 (PSB 6346, now Systems and Integrative Neuroscience) have been reviewed and endorsed.

Sincerely,

Marc Kantorow, Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Graduate Programs
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