9.10 Cognitive Neuroscience

Term Evaluated: Fall 2010
Response Rate: 4 responses out of 41 students

Recommended Pre-requisites: Most responded that 9.01 was necessary; one student also suggested 9.00

Motivation for taking the course: Some took it because they were interested in imaging techniques or cognitive neuroscience in general; one student was looking for a neuroscience class and this was as close as they could get

Students generally found that this class provided a really good overview of many subjects in cognitive neuroscience; one student also mentioned that the guest lectures in the course were well-integrated.

The weekly quizzes were very difficult, but everyone struggles with them; there’s a lot of reading to keep up with, but exams aren’t too difficult.

Best things about the course:
- The material is interesting and relevant
- One student really enjoyed the required student presentations

Worst things about the course:
- Really hard quizzes
- Lack of feedback on assignments and exams
- Grading was mysterious – only a limited scope of answers were accepted on quizzes and exams
**The Readings:** Everyone agreed that it was / would be helpful to do all the readings for the quizzes, but some students mentioned that they were very long, and few students do all of them.

**Grading:** The class was split as to whether grading was fair or not; those who said it wasn’t fair were felt the curve was confusing and felt that a wider variety of answers should be accepted on quizzes and exams.

Students unanimously agreed that Prof. Corking was knowledgeable and impressive. However, some felt that she wasn’t open to answering questions, especially if they’re not well thought out. Another student added that they enjoyed the guest lecturers as a part of the course as well.

**What future students should know about this course:**
- This is a great class and a good survey of the subject
- Consider not taking it if grading stresses you out
- Not everyone does all of the reading, but make sure you can go to class and take notes
- On quizzes and exams, write down everything you know – they expect a lot