

Syllabus  
**MBC 600: Research Group Seminar in Mind, Brain, and Culture**  
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**Course Description**

This course is designed provide a sense of community among CMBC certificate students and undergraduate fellows, a source of intellectual input and support, and an opportunity for additional insight into multidisciplinary approaches to the study of mind, brain, and culture.

Participants will be students participating in the Certificate Program in Mind, Brain, and Culture who have completed the Core Course (MBC 501) requirement, or CMBC Undergraduate Fellows.

**Course Structure and Goals**

The course content will be variable and determined collaboratively by the course participants each semester. We will meet four or five times over the course of the semester (including an initial organizational meeting). The goals are to provide multidisciplinary perspectives on topics of particular interest to those students enrolled and to address timely new research and topics of interest. Students will be encouraged to nominate topics, issues, readings, and potential guest speakers. The instructor will also propose topics that have received recent research attention or that particularly epitomize a multidisciplinary approach.

**Evaluation**

Students may enroll in the course on an S/U (Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory) basis only. Student performance will be evaluated based on attendance, participation, and taking responsibility for leading/facilitating discussion at least once during each of the two semesters they are required to enroll.

**Readings**

Students will each select readings for the session they are presenting.

Participants should provide the CMBC Program Coordinator, Tamara Beck, with copies of the readings in either MS Word or PDF format. These materials should be submitted to Ms. Beck at least two weeks before the session is to occur (though, ideally, earlier even than that). Please **LIMIT your readings to 20-25 pages maximum**, and **pick clear, generally accessible readings** that will give the participants a sense of your learning. Ms. Beck will disseminate the texts to all participants via email as promptly as her schedule allows.

**Meeting Schedule**

The class will meet monthly at a time chosen by consensus at an Organizational Meeting. Catering will be provided to participants in the class. All sessions will take place in PAIS 464 (CMBC Conference Room). In good weather, the group may choose to convene on the PAIS patio.