

## Syllabus

### **MBC 600: Research Group Seminar in Mind, Brain, and Culture** Spring 2021

Location: Center for Mind, Brain, and Culture, PAIS 464

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#### **Course Description**

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

All participants will be students participating in the Certificate Program in Mind, Brain, and Culture who have completed the Core Course (MBC 501) requirement.

#### **Course Structure and Goals**

The course content will be variable and determined collaboratively by the course participants each semester. We will meet 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**

Participants should provide the CMBC Administrative Assistant, Tamara Beck, with copies of the readings in either MS Word or PDF format. These materials should be in to Ms. Beck at least three 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.

**Schedule:**

**SESSION 1:** CMBC  
**Date and Time:**

*Topics:* ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – All participants

**SESSION 2:** CMBC  
**Date and Time:**

*Discussion Facilitator:*

*Readings:*

**SESSION 3:** CMBC  
**Date and Time:**

*Discussion Facilitator:*

*Readings:*

**SESSION 4:** CMBC  
**Date and Time:**

*Discussion Facilitator:*

*Readings:*