

Psychology courses for incoming students:

Erasmus+ and others

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I. General remarks from your departmental coordinator

The actual times, dates and rooms of courses will be available on

<https://studiloewe.uni-wuppertal.de/qisserver/pages/cs/sys/portal/hisinoneStartPage.faces>

-> Studienangebot -> Vorlesungsverzeichnis anzeigen, and then choose either -> Bachelor -> „Psychologie B. Sc.“ – or -> Master -> „Studiengang Psychologie mit dem Schwerpunkt Arbeit, Umwelt und Gesundheit mit dem Abschluss Master of Science“. The German title of the respective seminar can be found there. An English version of the course descriptions from our examination regulations (German: Prüfungsordnung¹), and the module numbers are given below. Sometimes I miss an English course here – so, in addition to the courses below, you can check whether there are other English courses, this term (e.g. given by a visiting Professor).

Because we can only offer a limited number of English courses for incoming students, **it is possible to take courses from the other program** under certain constraints. For **MA** students, it should be no problem to take **BA** courses.

For **BA students**, in some circumstances it is also possible to gain course credits from the MA courses. Students should, however, have some prior background knowledge in Biological Psychology, Neuropsychology, or Cognitive Neuroscience to optimally benefit from the offered MA courses.

The **ECTS** credit points below are suggestions given the standard workload of the course. However, if you need more or less ECTS points for your planned curriculum, please contact the responsible person. (S)he can lower or extend the workload for the course. Please contact the course instructor for recommended literature. If you want to be tested about this literature, this can be used to enhance the gained ECTS credit points.

If you have any questions or remarks, please **contact** me. However, if your questions take more than 3 sentences, then please give me a call (+49 202 439 2340).

Best wishes,

PD Dr. Markus Hofmann

¹ The present examination regulations for the BA and MA can be found here (in German):

https://bscw.uni-wuppertal.de/pub/bscw.cgi/d12906709/20220831_MHB_Psychologie_BSc.pdf

https://bscw.uni-wuppertal.de/pub/bscw.cgi/d13149093/20230811_MHB_Psychologie_AUG_MSc.pdf

II. Winter term

Courses of the winter term start in the first half of October and typically end in early February. There is a 1-2 week winter-break around Christmas.

The following courses are available at present:

1. Mysteries of Cognition I: Perception and attention (BA)

German title: Vertiefung Informationsverarbeitung (cognitive processes)

Module number: 2.1b)

ECTS: 3

When you plan to visit this course, please contact:

Prof. Dr. Radach, radach@uni-wuppertal.de,
allgemeinepsychologie@uni-wuppertal.de **and**

PD Dr. Markus Hofmann, mhofmann@uni-wuppertal.de

In this seminar, students give a talk about a topic in General Psychology, with a focus on perception and attention. There is a wide range of topics, including attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder, autism, embodied cognition, sensory deprivation, synesthesia or visual illusions and other 'magic' tricks of cognition.

The seminar deepens the knowledge gained from the accompanying lecture "Kognitive Prozesse I". For students planning to learn German, we suggest visiting the accompanying lecture – however, the knowledge of this lecture is not necessary to successfully complete this seminar for incoming students.

2. Emotional and motivational processes (BA)

Lecture: Motivation and Action Regulation

German title: Motivation, Emotion und Handlungsregulation

Module number: 2.4a)

ECTS: 6

If you plan to enroll in this course, please contact:

PD Dr. Markus Hofmann, mhofmann@uni-wuppertal.de

This lecture provides an introduction to classic and contemporary approaches in the fields of motivational and emotional psychology. In the motivation part, historic perspectives are used as a background for modern action regulation theories and cognitive control. The second part of the lecture is focused on the interplay of emotion and cognition and the resulting effects on behavior.

3. Seminar: Motivational and emotional processes (BA)

German title: Vertiefung Motivationale und Emotionale Prozesse

Module number: 2.4b)

ECTS: 3

If you plan to enroll in this course, please contact:

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This seminar is supposed to deepen your knowledge about motivation and emotion gained from the lecture. Students give a talk on classic and current issues in motivation and emotion research. Possible topics include self-regulation, ego-depletion, power, achievement, and affiliation motives, action- and state-orientation, emotional intelligence, and discreteness of emotions.

4. Lecture: Theories and methods of neurocognitive psychology (MA)

German title: Theorien und Methoden der neurokognitiven Psychologie

Module number: GF 1a)

When you plan to visit this course, please contact:

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ECTS: 4

In this lecture, we introduce electroencephalographic, neuroimaging (e.g. MRI) and eye tracking methods, along with a session on neurological diseases. At the end of this course, you have a basic understanding of these methods. The theoretical part of this lecture focuses on artificial intelligence, machine learning and connectionist models of cognition. This course is usually given in German but can also be given in English – so please contact the teacher early.

III. Summer terms

Summer terms start in the first half of April and last until middle/end of July.

1. Seminar Mysteries of Cognition II: Memory, language, and problem solving (BA)

German title: Vertiefung Kognitive Prozesse

Module number: 2.2b)

ECTS: 3

When you plan to visit this course, please contact:

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PD Dr. Markus Hofmann, mhofmann@uni-wuppertal.de

In this seminar, the students give a talk about a topic in General Psychology. In this course, there is a focus on memory, learning, language as well as logical thinking and problem solving. We offer topics such as for instance childhood amnesia, cognition in animals, consciousness, giftedness, hypermnnesia, lucid dreaming, or sex differences in cognition,

The seminar deepens the knowledge gained in the accompanying lecture "Cognitive Processes I". For students planning to learn German, we suggest to visit the accompanying lecture – however, the knowledge of this lecture is not necessary to successfully complete this seminar for incoming students.

2. Laboratory training: The psychological experiment (BA)

German title: Forschungsorientiertes Praktikum

Module number: 1.3b)

When you plan to visit this course, please contact: PD Dr. Markus Hofmann,
mhofmann@uni-wuppertal.de

ECTS: 6

In this seminar, practical knowledge on scientific studies in psychology is taught. These courses seek to answer the questions: How to plan a psychological study? How to conduct data acquisition and analysis? How interpret and document the work in a scientific report?

3. Seminar: Selected topics of social psychology (BA)

German title: Ausgewählte Themen der Sozialpsychologie

The seminar will offer students a close look at intergroup relations and behaviour. Students will learn about the social identity tradition and how it explains various social and group-related phenomena, such as discrimination, misrecognition, ingroup criticism and more. The course will delve into understanding the process of social categorisation and its impact on individuals' behaviour within and across groups. The course consists of exposure to both theoretical and empirical texts related to the subject. Through group discussions, students will be able to bring their views and contribute to the joint learning. The course will take place in English. However, this should not prevent students who prefer expressing themselves in German from joining the class.

ECTS: 3

Note: There are several parallel courses of this Seminar. The course given by Slieman Halabi can be given in English. Please contact him in advance: halabi@uni-wuppertal.de

4. Seminar: Theoretical and empirical Methods of Cognitive Neuroscience (MA)

German title: Vertiefungen zur neurokognitiven Psychologie

Module number: GF.1b)

When you plan to visit this course, please contact:
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ECTS: 2

The summer course applies the methods learned in the winter courses (cf. II.4). However, for the incomings passing this lecture is not necessary. In the seminar, there will be talks and exercises on advanced statistical methods on behavioral, electroencephalographic, neuroimaging and/or eye tracking data. This course is usually given in German, but can also be given in English – so please contact the teacher early.

5. Social and personality psychology (MA)

German title: Sozialpsychologie und Persönlichkeitspsychologie

The seminar explores contemporary discourses on inter-community relations in Germany, with a particular focus on minority/majority relations. The aim of the seminar is to provide students with theory and practical experience of dialogue on current issues in German society (e.g., racism, multiculturalism). The seminar offers students the opportunity to reflect on these issues through first-hand experience of in-class dialogue sessions, which will form a significant part of the seminar. In the discussion, it is important to bring a variety of personal experiences and perspectives to ensure a proper dialogue. For this reason, a fair composition of diverse backgrounds is necessary and therefore all Masters students are invited to register for this course. The course will take place in English. However, this should not prevent students who prefer expressing themselves in German from joining the class.

ECTS: 3

Note: There are several parallel courses of this Seminar. The course given by Slieman Halabi can be given in English. Please contact him in advance: halabi@uni-wuppertal.de