



Fall 2011
Burnaby

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
COGNITIVE SCIENCE

COGS 310-3: Consciousness

INSTRUCTOR: TBA

COURSE TIMES: TBA

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Consciousness is often called “the last great mystery of science.” Even the very definition of consciousness is hotly debated. This course will review cognitive scientists’ attempt to understand the qualities, boundaries, purposes and origins of human consciousness. Philosophy, psychology, neuroscience, and computing will provide the data for this dramatic struggle between intuition and fact on this journey of scientific and self-discovery. The aim of the course is to give students a thorough grounding in the current state of the scientific understanding of consciousness, and a chance to exercise their reading, writing, debating, and critical thinking skills.

PREREQUISITE: COGS 100 and COGS 200 (or permission of instructor)

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Consciousness: An Introduction.

Susan Blackmore. Oxford University Press, USA ISBN: 01951343X

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students will be expected to keep up with all course readings and to participate in class discussions. Grades are earned through participation (25%), short assignments (25%), a research paper (25%), and a class presentation (25%).

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