

# **BIOL 1140:901**

## **Biological Aspects of Human Consciousness**

Welcome to the internet version of BIOL 1140: Biological Aspects of Human Consciousness. The increase in our knowledge of the human brain and how it works (and unfortunately doesn't work) continues to increase at a tremendous pace. Not a week goes by that there is not some new, important finding about the brain's function or the diagnosis of brain disease written about in the daily paper or featured on one of the television "magazine" shows. If you are interested in where modern life science is "at", you've come to the right place.

**The assigned text is:**

- **Kolb and Whishaw, *An Introduction to Brain and Behavior*, 3rd ed., ISBN: 978-0-7167-7691-8.**

**The assigned CD-ROM is:**

- ***Foundations of Behavioral Neuroscience* by Shavit and Hasson, ISBN: 978-0-7167-6913-2**

Both are available at the UT Bookstore

Any supplementary readings can be downloaded from the pdf files I post for your use.

If you are not in the Toledo area, you should be able to purchase the text at any on-line bookseller. I do not know about the availability of the CD-ROM on-line.

I hope someday to meet all of you face-to-face. I know there are real people behind the electronic letters that pop up on my screen and the ideas that those letters

convey. If you are on campus or in the vicinity, drop by my office and introduce yourself if I happen to be in. Or send me a digital photo.

Here is the basic pattern for this seminar:

- This site contains this *Introduction/Syllabus* file and *Classroom* files. The *Introduction/Syllabus* will remain posted throughout the semester the course runs. Any material that I feel you need continued access to will be added to this file, and you will be informed of the addition.
- Each *Session* file will be posted on alternate Mondays at 12:00 AM. Even though each *Session* file will remain posted for the entire semester, you must complete each session's assignments by the deadlines specified on the *Deadlines* page. Each assignment is to be posted on its specified *Discussions* page.
- **Discussions page postings will count as 50% of your grade.**
- **You will have one project that will count as 20% of your grade.**
- **You will have three tests that will each count as 10% of your grade.** These tests will each cover about two sessions of material. They will not be cumulative, and there will not be a cumulative Final Exam.