



COGNITION AND EMOTION

Anno immatricolazione	2020/2021
Anno offerta	2020/2021
Normativa	DM270
SSD	M-PSI/01 (PSICOLOGIA GENERALE)
Dipartimento	DIPARTIMENTO DI SCIENZE DEL SISTEMA NERVOSO E DEL COMPORTAMENTO
Corso di studio	PSYCHOLOGY, NEUROSCIENCE AND HUMAN SCIENCES
Curriculum	PERCORSO COMUNE
Anno di corso	1°
Periodo didattico	Secondo Semestre (15/02/2021 - 11/06/2021)
Crediti	6
Ore	36 ore di attività frontale
Lingua insegnamento	Inglese
Tipo esame	SCRITTO E ORALE CONGIUNTI
Docente	FERRARI CHIARA (titolare) - 6 CFU
Prerequisiti	
Obiettivi formativi	<p>This course introduces students to a diverse array of theoretical and empirical issues related to the study of human emotion and its interaction with cognitive processes. Although cognition and emotion were classically thought to be two completely independent processes (both at the cognitive and neural level), recent advances in psychology and neuroscience contradict this notion. Recently, scientists have made considerable advances in understanding how cognitive and emotional systems interact in the human brain. Some questions the course addresses include: What are our emotions and what they are for? How do emotions influence and are influenced by our thoughts, memories, and behaviors? The course reviews the most relevant experimental evidence relative to this domain of study.</p>

The course will begin by providing the definition and a description of psychological evolutionary origins emotions. Then, we will ask how emotions might color cognitive processes, such as, perception, attention and memory. Moreover, possible effects of emotions upon social judgments and decisions will be discussed in the final part of the course.

Teaching methods include typical lectures about the interaction between emotion and cognition. Students will be strongly encouraged to participate in the discussions actively. Students are welcome to suggest topics for the discussions.

Materials (e.g., slides, papers) will be made available during the course.

For everyone: written and oral exams.

