



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

### Psicologia Fisiologica - 1

1920-2-E2401P008-T1

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#### Learning area

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS USEFUL TO UNDERSTAND, PROMOTE AND CHANGE INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING

#### Learning objectives

*Knowledge and understanding*

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*Applying knowledge and understanding*

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#### Contents

The course aims to provide students with a basic knowledge of the neuro-functional architecture of the human cognitive and emotional processes. In particular, the neuro-functional bases of the nervous system will be provided, as well as the main theories and models on mental functions developed in the field of Cognitive Neuroscience, in order to favor the understanding of the cognitive, emotional and behavioral functioning of the individuals both in the

healthy and clinical population.

## **Detailed program**

- Introduction to cognitive neuroscience
- Methods of cognitive neuroscience: behavioral, neuropsychological, electrophysiological, neuroimaging, TMS, DTI
- Electroencephalogram, sleep and biological rhythms
- Perceptual processes and recognition of objects and faces
- Acoustic processing of musical and linguistic sounds
- Action and Movements
- Selective attention and attention systems
- Memory systems
- Emotions and social cognition
- Language and communication
- Cerebral lateralization and hemispheric specialization
- Executive processes and frontal lobes
- Consciousness

## **Prerequisites**

This course requires a basic knowledge of anatomy and physiology of the nervous system and its cognitive functions.

## **Teaching methods**

Frontal lessons with slides and audio/video presentations.

## **Assessment methods**

Written examination followed by an oral examination (optional)

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

Cognitive Neuroscience: The Biology of the Mind, 4th Edition 4th Edition. Norton Publisher. (chapters 2, 13, 14 not included in the program).

Bear M.F., Connors B.W., & Paradiso M.A. (2007). Neuroscienze. Esplorando il cervello. 3° ed., (Only chapter 19, concerning EEG, Sleep and Biological rhythms). Milano, Masson.

