There are several ways to earn Extra Credit for this class

1) Mnemonics
   - A “mnemonic” is an easy-to-remember acronym, rhyme, or other pithy saying.
     For example: “PAD” (for protective layers of Meninges around the brain:
       P=Pia mater, A=Arachnoid mater, D=Dura mater)
     For example: “Cells that fire together, wire together”
   - Students can generate these about the material and submit them via email to Professor Johnson at c8johnson@ucsd.edu
   - They don’t have to be particularly clever, as long as they work for you.
     BUT you will lose credit if they are inaccurate!
   - The most helpful ones will be posted (anonymously) to the class website

2) Talk Summaries
   - Talks on topics related to Cognitive Neuroscience are common in the Cognitive Science & Psychology Departments, and at The Kavli and Salk Institutes.
   - Students can attend such talks and write up 1-2 page summaries and submit them via email to Professor Johnson at c8johnson@ucsd.edu
   - Summaries must include the Speakers Name, and the Time and Place of the talk.
   - Pertinent talks will be announced in class or on class website whenever possible.
     See: Announcements and Links

3) Participation in Research
   - Several experimenters at UCSD are looking for research subjects.
   - One way to sign up to be a subject is through SONA
     See https://ucsd.sona-systems.com
     Any hours you participate through this system will be automatically recorded and sent to Professor Johnson at the end of the term.
   - Other research opportunities will be posted around the Cogsci department
     Ask your TA / IA about them

The “Extra Credit / Demerit” System

Extra Credits can positively impact on your final grade, altho they will not pass you if you are failing.
   - Amount of Extra Credit earned for above varies with quality/quantity of submissions, as well as per relative effort compared to others in class, and is assigned at the time of final grading.
   - Typically, Extra Credit enables students “on the cusp” between grades to earn the higher grade.

Demerits are the opposite of Extra Credit, and can impact negatively on your grade.
   - Demerits are given for Missing Sections and for being suspected of Cheating on an exam.
   - Demerits can cancel out Extra Credits and, depending on overall score, shift grade down 1 step.