

Cogs 17 * EXTRA CREDIT

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