



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

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VP25_DIP_PSI

Visiting Professor Program Academic year 2021/2022

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 48 hours

COURSE TITLE

“Believing is Seeing”. The Power of Belief and Suggestion on the Mind and Brain

TEACHING PERIOD

2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Cognitive Neuroscience

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

English

COURSE SUMMARY

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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2. Be able to critically evaluate empirical research and scientific opinions in the specific areas of enquiry covered during the module. Extend their understanding to everyday life and societal relevance.
3. Be able to provide evidence of reflection and self-reflection in diaries that will show the student can go beyond a descriptive approach to the learning material and reveal understanding and consolidation of the course material.

TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES

N/A

LAB ACTIVITIES

N/A

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

Seminars addressed to PhD students in Neuroscience and conferences addressed to members of Psychology and Neuroscience departments.

ADDITIONAL COURSE

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VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

Master degree in Psychology or Neuroscience

PhD in Psychology or Neuroscience

Academic position at a Department of Psychology/Neuroscience of a foreign University

Previous teaching experience

Research activity related to the course topic, as proven by publications and CV

Fluency in both English and Italian

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