Visual Object Recognition
Computational Models and Neurophysiological Mechanisms
Neurobiology 130/230. Harvard College/GSAS 78454

Web site:  http://tinyurl/visionclass  (Class notes, readings, etc)
Location:  Biolabs 1075
Time:  Mondays 03:30 – 05:30
Dates:  Friday 09/04*, Mondays 09/14, 09/21, 09/28, 10/05, 10/19, 10/26, 11/02, 11/09, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/07*

Lectures:
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Lectures + Class Discussion [20% of grade]

Reading assignments. One paper per class. [60% of grade]
Write two paragraphs about the paper:
Paragraph 1: Discuss one missing control or one problem with the interpretation.
Paragraph 2: Discuss a logical follow-up question.
Note: Do not copy and paste the paper. We have already read it.

Final Exam [20% of grade]
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<td>Introduction to pattern recognition. Why is vision difficult?</td>
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<td>Psychophysics of visual object recognition [Ken Nakayama]</td>
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Recommended books

Suggested Books


Other good books

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All reading assignments will be discussed in class. During class, collaboration and discussion is not only permitted but actually encouraged.

After class, each student must prepare the homework on his/her own. Students should be aware that in this course collaboration of any sort on any work submitted for formal evaluation is not permitted. This means that you may not discuss your problem sets, paper assignments, exams, or any other assignments with other students. All work should be entirely your own.

The use of textbooks, books and articles is encouraged. Students must use appropriate citation practices to acknowledge the use of books, articles, websites or lectures, that were consulted to complete your assignments.

Discussion: Monday 09/14

Reading assignment due: Monday 09/21

Assignment due by email: gabriel.kreiman@tch.harvard.edu

File formats: Word, Latex, Text, PDF

File name = <your_last_name>_Assignment<#>.extension

Reading Assignments Link