

Honors 2030 Fall 2017

Evolution and Biology of Morality

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is a broad introductory course in the current research into the biological underpinnings and evolutionary origins of morality. The course is interdisciplinary, combining psychology, biology, neuroscience, and philosophy; it is both an introduction to cutting-edge research and a chance to revisit perennial questions.

GRADING COMPONENTS

1. Two essay examinations (midterm and finals week): 15% each for a total of 30%
2. Term paper of 2000 words due in finals week, with preliminary steps required (paper is to be preceded by a thesis statement and outline due in week 9, an annotated bibliography in week 11, and a rough draft due in week 13): 50% (collaborative work possible)
3. Final presentation: 15% (collaborative work possible; multimedia required)
4. Class participation and questions to others on presentations: 5%.