

## Spring 2020 | Biology 6399 (CRN 22147) | Dissertation

Hours TBA, Location: BRB 2.210

### Instructor

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### Definitions and Objectives

This course is designed to provide credit for a doctoral student performing a dissertation project within the UTEP Systems Neuroscience Laboratory, directed by Dr. Khan. The objective of this course is to complete a publishable research project by the time of graduation, which will be prepared in the form of a written dissertation as specified by the Graduate College. The student will be graded each semester on their progress towards this objective based on her or his performance during that specific semester. The student's project will be supervised by Dr. Khan and will be guided by input from faculty comprising the student's dissertation committee.

### Course Organization and Grading

Attendance is required, as is weekly communication with Dr. Khan, and timely periodic communication with the student's dissertation committee members. Grading will be based on research progress toward completion of the dissertation project each semester.

### Absence and Drop Policy

It is your responsibility to attend the lab the required amount of time. If you have a serious illness or a legitimate excuse (includes military personnel called to active duty or training) for being out-of-town, make arrangements with me before you leave. **April 3** is the last day students may drop with an automatic "W".

### Texts

- *Brain maps 4.0—Structure of the rat brain*: An open access atlas with global nervous system nomenclature ontology and flatmaps. *The Journal of Comparative Neurology*, **526**(6), 935–943.
- Additional research literature will be provided.

### Course Schedule

The schedule for each student will be determined on an individual basis based on that student's course schedule and teaching assistantship (TA) duties, if any. Graduate students wishing to perform a dissertation project are expected to be in the lab working when they are not in class or performing TA duties. Students are expected to be in the lab after hours and on weekends if required for the experiments being performed.

### UTEP Policy on Academic Dishonesty

Any student who commits an act of scholastic dishonesty is subject to discipline and will be reported to the Dean of Student Affairs. Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

### Accessibility

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