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**INNOVATIVE IDEAS IN PSYCHOLOGY**

M-PSI/01, 1° anno, 4 crediti

Corsi di laurea / indirizzi:

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**Educational And Training Objectives**

The course introduces the most innovative, influential, and cited ideas that have been published in top psychology journals. Research areas considered are perception, attention, learning and memory, thought processes, and emotion. The ideas either represent an unusual approach or theory, or connect widely different fields of psychological research, or have led to the discovery of a new phenomenon.

**Pre-requisites**

The course is in English.

Students must be able to comprehend scientific English, but need not be able to speak or write English well.

**Course content**

Are all of us autistic or psychotic to some extent?  
 Can our daily bread make us mentally ill?  
 Did snakes drive our brain size?  
 Are we blind to most of what we see?  
 Can I know your decisions before you do?  
 Does cheater detection mess up your ability to reason?  
 Does inability to produce random numbers reveal paranormal belief?  
 Can normal people confuse their own body with someone else's?  
 Do conservatives and liberals differ in telling Ms from Ws?  
 Does the menstrual-cycle phase affect women's choice of men?  
 Does your body reveal something about your brain?  
 Is depression a good thing?  
 How can you become fantastically happy?

**Recommended reading**See the course website: [www.psy.unipd.it/~kramer/innovativeideas.htm](http://www.psy.unipd.it/~kramer/innovativeideas.htm)**Teaching methods**

Each lecture presents the details of a groundbreaking idea, explains why it is particularly important, and shows how it has affected subsequent research.

**Assessment methods****Type of examination:** Written**Written examination:** Multiple choice questions**Teaching tools**

The lectures are supported by audio-visual material and demonstrations.

**Notes**Course website: [www.psy.unipd.it/~kramer/innovativeideas.htm](http://www.psy.unipd.it/~kramer/innovativeideas.htm)

Valid for all Corsi di Laurea triennali and magistrali, and Erasmus students.

**COMUNICAZIONI AGLI STUDENTI (a cura del docente)**

Nessuna comunicazione disponibile.