**Preparation for Society for Neuroscience Annual General Meeting**

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**Credit:** 2

**Prerequisites:** Permission of Instructor

**Location:** TBA

**Meeting time:** Fall 2005, TBA

**Course Description:**
The Soc. for Neuroscience annual general meeting (Nov 12-16, 2005) is the primary conference in the field of Neuroscience, with an extensive 4-day program and approximately 25 to 30,000 attendees. This is an overwhelming experience for undergraduate and junior graduate students.

**Course Goals:** This course will facilitate detailed preparation through review of the preliminary program and background literature pertinent to specific elements of the conference. Students will attend presentations related to specific themes at the conference. Following the conference, students will discuss and present material related to these themes in a seminar format.

**Learning Outcomes:** Students will develop detailed background knowledge of selected specific research themes necessary to appreciate presentations on selected themes at the conference. Students will reinforce their conference attendance by presenting this material to peers in a seminar format.

**Instructional Method:** The course will involve extensive background reading to be determined based on class selection of focus topics, lecture, group discussion and seminar-style presentation, and will rely heavily on review of the current neuroscience literature.

**Course calendar:** Specific material will be determined by individual selection.

**Participants will:**
- Review the preliminary program and determine themes and topics of specific interest.
- Review and discuss background literature related to these themes.
- Determine goals to attend specific presentations.
- Review the meeting abstracts and develop an agenda to attend sessions of specific interest.
- Attend the conference with specific goals to attend specific presentations.
- Following the conference, participants will make group presentations on material obtained from the conference, and provide context based on background study in a seminar format.

**Course policies:** Students are expected to attend all class and discussion sessions, and actively participate in all class activities. The course is open to senior undergraduate and graduate students with an interest in Neuroscience who are planning to attend the Soc. Neuroscience AGM, with permission of the instructor.

**Evaluation:** The course is graded pass/fail based on student participation.

**Disabilities Services:** The Office of Disability Services implements the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and insures that UAF students have equal access to the campus and course materials. This course will be implemented in cooperation with the Office of Disabilities Services (203 WHIT, 474-7043) to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities.