

COURSE CARD: E3S - NL - WUR - 6

University: Wageningen University, the Netherlands

Course: Nutritional Neurosciences

Course code: HNE-51306

Credits: 6

Language: English

Instructor: prof. C de Graaf, dr G Jager, dr S Boesveldt, dr PAM Smeets, dr O van de Rest, prof. RF

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When: Yearly (January), next course starting January 2013. Precise program to be found at:

https://ssc.wur.nl/Studiegids/Vak/HNE-51306

Content: This course focuses on acquisition of knowledge and skills for the study of the emerging

field of human nutritional neurosciences, at the interface of neurobiological and behavioral

sciences. The course consists of plenary lectures and practical work. Lectures cover both

basic as well as state of the art topics: Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and functional

MRI; electrophysiological measurements related to food choice and eating behavior; the

effects of macro- and micronutrients on human brain function and behavior; foods and

supplements that modulate human cognitive brain function and behavior; the

neurobiological basis of sensory perception, satiety and food-related cognitive processes;

neuro-economics and marketing.

The practical work includes supervised tutorials and a computer training. Tutorials cover

various parts of the brain involved in sensory perception, satiety and food-related cognitive

processes, and how these brain areas function. Computer training involves instruction and

practice sessions on SPM (Statistical Parametric Mapping), a software toolkit for the

analysis of functional MRI data.

Textbook: Course reader

Requirements: Basics of human physiology, basics of Nutrition Behaviour



For whom: Obligatory course for BSc Minor Psychobiology of Eating Behaviour, optional course for

others

Students (n): -

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