

Guía docente de la asignatura

Fecha de aprobación por la Comisión  
Académica: 15/07/2024**Juicios y Toma de Decisiones**  
**(M30/56/2/32)****Máster**Máster Universitario en Neurociencia Cognitiva y del  
Comportamiento**MÓDULO**

Neurociencia Cognitiva y del Comportamiento

**RAMA**

Ciencias de la Salud

**CENTRO RESPONSABLE  
DEL TÍTULO**

Escuela Internacional de Posgrado

**Semestre**

Anual

**Créditos**

4

**Tipo**

Optativa

**Tipo de  
enseñanza**

Presencial

**PRERREQUISITOS Y/O RECOMENDACIONES**

It is recommended for the student to have an English level sufficient to follow lessons and participate in them.

**BREVE DESCRIPCIÓN DE CONTENIDOS (Según memoria de verificación del Máster)**

- Assessing beliefs and updating hypotheses. The bases of decision making.
- Heuristics and biases. The limits of human rationality.
- Critical thinking. How do we reason and how can we improve our thinking skills?
- Social cognition and thinking: moral judgments and dilemmas.
- Paradoxes, dilemmas, and intuitive decisions.
- Perception of risk and risky behavior.
- Emotion, decisions, and risky behavior.

**COMPETENCIAS****COMPETENCIAS BÁSICAS**

- CB6 - Poseer y comprender conocimientos que aporten una base u oportunidad de ser originales en desarrollo y/o aplicación de ideas, a menudo en un contexto de



investigación.

- CB7 - Que los estudiantes sepan aplicar los conocimientos adquiridos y su capacidad de resolución de problemas en entornos nuevos o poco conocidos dentro de contextos más amplios (o multidisciplinares) relacionados con su área de estudio.
- CB8 - Que los estudiantes sean capaces de integrar conocimientos y enfrentarse a la complejidad de formular juicios a partir de una información que, siendo incompleta o limitada, incluya reflexiones sobre las responsabilidades sociales y éticas vinculadas a la aplicación de sus conocimientos y juicios.
- CB9 - Que los estudiantes sepan comunicar sus conclusiones y los conocimientos y razones últimas que las sustentan a públicos especializados y no especializados de un modo claro y sin ambigüedades.
- CB10 - Que los estudiantes posean las habilidades de aprendizaje que les permitan continuar estudiando de un modo que habrá de ser en gran medida autodirigido o autónomo.

## RESULTADOS DE APRENDIZAJE (Objetivos)

The student is expected to know/understand:

- Neuroanatomical and psychological processes involved in judgment and decision making, as well as tasks and protocols used to study them.
- Relations between judgment, decision making, emotion, and different forms of social cognition.
- Origins and determinants of risky behavior and its relationship with affect.
- Decision-making models, specially stressing its intuitive and rational determinants.
- Brain areas and circuits involved in decision making and risky behavior.

The student will be able to:

- Complete a bibliographic search to deepen into her understanding of a particular aspect of judgment and decision making.
- Distinguish between different theoretical approaches to the study of judgment and decision making.

## PROGRAMA DE CONTENIDOS TEÓRICOS Y PRÁCTICOS

### TEÓRICO

#### Block I

1. Fundamentals of judgment and decision making
2. Heuristics and biases: boundaries of human rationality
3. Dual processing models and thinking dispositions

#### Block II

1. Decision making under risk and under ambiguity
2. Influence of emotion on decision making
3. From decision making to self-regulation



## PRÁCTICO

Each unit includes practical activities: simulations, exercises, questionnaires, discussion of audiovisual materials, readings, and writing a mini-review as one of the final assessment activities.

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## ENLACES RECOMENDADOS

- <http://journal.sjdm.org/>
- <http://www.sjdm.org/links.html>

## EVALUACIÓN (instrumentos de evaluación, criterios de evaluación y porcentaje sobre la calificación final)

### EVALUACIÓN ORDINARIA

- Participation, monitoring of in-class activities, and in-class assesment questionnaires (40%)
- Oral presentation (25%) and writing (20%) of an individual essay (mini-review) (Total 45%)
- Final written exam (15%)

This final written exam will consist of two parts, assessing the contents of the two blocks in an approximately balanced way. The percentage of the mark relative to attendance is independent of the fact that an 80% total attendance is mandatory, according to current regulations, and lack of attendance must be justified. The exam will consist of multiple choice and/or short answer questions.

Article 18 of the UGR Assessment Policy and Regulations establishes that the ordinary assessment session (convocatoria ordinaria) will preferably be based on the continuous assessment of students, except for those who have been granted the right to a single final assessment (evaluación única final), which is an assessment method that only takes a final exam into account.

In this course the use of generative artificial intelligence (chatGPT and similar (which we will call IAGen from now on) is allowed only to: help us learn and deepen in the contents, improve the writing and spelling of the texts we write, and for the translation of texts.

The IAGen is NOT allowed to generate any significant part of the content of an essay or assignment. Students are responsible for its use and must ensure that the use of this type of resource does not lead them to accept false or incorrect information, or to plagiarism.

In any case it is recommended to use the tools contracted by the UGR (Microsoft Copilot), which guarantee that the data remain within the organization and are not exposed to third parties. If you have used an IAGen tool in any work, you should acknowledge it by adding a specific section at the end of the text, such as this: "This work has used Microsoft Corporation (2024). Microsoft Copilot [Software]. Retrieved from <https://www.microsoft.com/copilot> for the



following tasks: [...]. The author accepts full responsibility for the final document."

### EVALUACIÓN EXTRAORDINARIA

The student will be offered the possibility to choose between (1) maintaining the qualification of continuous assessment activities, and do the exam again (with the percentages described above), and (2) do an exam for the 100% of her final qualification, disregarding the activities. In the latter option, the exam could include working materials used during the course (e.g. required readings). In any case, the exam will represent the two blocks of the course in a balanced way. The exam will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions.

[Article 19 of the UGR Assessment Policy and Regulations establishes that students who have not passed a course in the ordinary assessment session (convocatoria ordinaria) will have access to an extraordinary assessment session (convocatoria extraordinaria). All students may take part in this extraordinary assessment session, regardless of whether or not they have followed continuous assessment activities. In this way, students who have not carried out continuous assessment activities will have the opportunity to obtain 100% of their mark by means of an exam and/or assignment].

### EVALUACIÓN ÚNICA FINAL

Article 8 of the Regulations for Evaluation and Grading of Students of the University of Granada establishes that those who cannot comply with the continuous evaluation method for justified reasons may be eligible for the single final evaluation.

To take advantage of the single final evaluation, the student, in the first two weeks of the course or in the two weeks following his or her enrollment if this has occurred after the start of classes or due to unforeseen circumstances. The student will request it, through the electronic procedure, to the Master's Coordination, who will transfer it to the corresponding faculty, alleging and accrediting the reasons for not being able to follow the continuous evaluation system.

The evaluation in this case will consist of:

- An exam that may include open questions, multiple-choice questions, and exercises on the theoretical contents, which may include materials worked on in class throughout the course. In this case, the exam will be composed in approximately equal parts by contents of the two blocks. Students will contact the faculty in advance to receive specific information about the materials to be examined (total 55%).
- Oral presentation (25%) of a written mini-review (20%) on a specific topic (total 45%). Students will contact the faculty in advance to receive specific information about the conduct of the mini-review, the approval of the mini-review topic and the methodology to be followed.

[Article 8 of the UGR Assessment Policy and Regulations establishes that students who are unable to follow continuous assessment methods due to justifiable reasons shall have recourse to a single final assessment (evaluación única final), which is an assessment method that only takes a final exam into account. In order to opt for a single final assessment (evaluación única final), students must send a request, using the corresponding online procedure, to the coordinator of the master's programme, in the first two weeks of the course or in the two weeks following their enrolment (if the enrolment has taken place after the classes have already begun). The



coordinator will communicate this information to the relevant teaching staff members, citing and verifying the reasons why the student is unable to follow the continuous assessment system].

## INFORMACIÓN ADICIONAL

### Teaching methodologies:

- MD01: Professor's lessons
- MD02: Debates and discussion sessions
- MD03: Problem solving and practical cases
- MD05: Seminars
- MD06: Simulations
- MD09: Individual essays
- MD11: Students' oral presentations (monitoring, counseling, and feedback)

### Distribution of students' workload:

#### In-class sessions (36 h)

- Theoretical professor lessons, discussion, problem solving, practical cases, and simulations: 19h
- In-class monitoring and assessment of individual work: 3h
- Final written exam: 4h
- Student oral presentations: 10h

#### Individual work (64 h)

- Supervised elaboration of an individual essay (mini-review): 14h
- Autonomous work (critical reading, study for assessments, and preparation of the oral presentation): 35h
- In person or online counselling and monitoring: 15h

The teaching methodology and assessment will be adapted to students with specific needs (SEN), in accordance with Article 11 of the Regulations on assessment and grading of students at the University of Granada.

This course will follow the recommendations from the UGR Action Plan for Equality regarding the use of nonsexist and inclusive language and visibility of women's and minorities' contributions to the field.

Información de interés para estudiantado con discapacidad y/o Necesidades Específicas de Apoyo Educativo (NEAE): [Gestión de servicios y apoyos](https://ve.ugr.es/servicios/atencion-social/estudiantes-con-discapacidad) (<https://ve.ugr.es/servicios/atencion-social/estudiantes-con-discapacidad>).

