

Weekly Planner
ECPS5018: The Brain, Biology and Cognition
2026/2027

Wk	Date	Topic	Key Reading
1	1 st Oct	Introduction to Brain, Biology and Cognition	Pinel & Barnes – Chapter 1
2	8 th Oct	Anatomy of the nervous system and Neural Communication	Pinel & Barnes – Chapters 3 & 4
3	15 th Oct	Neurodevelopment	Pinel & Barnes – Chapter 9
4	22 nd Oct	Research Methods of Biopsychology and Cognitive Neuroscience	Pinel & Barnes – Chapter 5
Reading Week: Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October			
5	5 th Nov	Vision and Perception	Pinel & Barnes – Chapter 6 Eysenck & Keane – Chapter 2
6	12 th Nov	Mechanisms of hearing, touch, & attention	Pinel & Barnes – Chapter 7 Eysenck & Keane – Chapters 3 & 5
7	19 th Nov	Learning, memory, and amnesia	Pinel & Barnes – Chapter 11
8	26 th Nov	LTM, Schemas, and Forgetting	Eysenck & Keane – Chapter 7
9	2 nd Dec	Essay Focus	Essay Assessment tile on Moodle
10	10 th Dec	Language	Eysenck & Keane – Part III: Language
Christmas Break (3 weeks): 14 th December – 1 st January			
Assessment period: 4 th – 22 nd January			
11	28 th Jan	Thinking, Reasoning, and Decision-making	Eysenck & Keane – Part IV: Thinking & Reasoning
12	4 th Feb	No Session	
Reading Week 8 th – 12 th February			
13	18 th Feb	Brain Damage	Pinel & Barnes – Chapter 10
14	25 th Feb	No Session	
15	4 th Mar	Psychopharmacology & Drug addiction	Pinel & Barnes – Chapter 15
16	11 th Mar	Psychiatric disorders	Pinel & Barnes – Chapter 18
17	18 th Mar	No Session	
Easter Break (3 weeks): 22 nd March – 9 th April			
18	15 th Apr	Exam Preparation & Revision Guidance	See Assessment tile on Moodle
19	22 nd Apr	No Session	
20	29 th Apr	No Session – Independent Revision	
Assessment period: 3 rd – 21 st May			