**Welcome to the information portal of the Modular Exam in Cognitive (Neuro-)Psychology, C(N)P**

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Thanks for your interest in taking your modular examination in Cognitive (Neuro-)Psychology, C(N)P. I am happy to conduct the exam with you, together with a second examiner. In the following, I would like to give you some information on two issues: First, on the **registration procedure and exam topics** and, second, on the **concrete procedure and modalities of the oral exam**. Please read them carefully and follow the indicated steps.

**The registration procedure and exam topics**

At least two weeks before your modular exam you have to register for it at our Examinations Office. On the webpage below (where you also found this information sheet under my name) you can find the form and the documents you have to procure for the registration: <https://www.ikw.uni-osnabrueck.de/students/bachelor_cognitive_science/examination_matters.html#c18488>

Don’t forget any of these requirements. I am happy to sign your application. In addition, it is always good to hear back from fellow students how they prepared for their exam, what they did and how it went. It is advisable to plan ahead of time and accomplish the application earlier than just two weeks.

**Your first exam topic**
Primarily, the modular exam will be based on the course **"Introduction to (Neuro-)Psychology"**, i.e., the Anderson (2020) book[[1]](#footnote-1) and the lectures of this course. Also rehearse your own lecture notes. Please let me know if you took this course from me or from Prof. Franke (who had a somewhat different syllabus). I will choose a text from one of the topics of the course, e.g., memory, perception, attention, etc., which you will prepare at home and then present briefly at the beginning of the 30-minutes exam. Usually that paper is an empirical study, behavioral and/or neuroscientific. Then other topics of C(N)P and eventually your second topic will be examined (for further information, see below.)

**Your second exam topic**

Please also indicate to me your **second exam topic**. This can be any seminar related to Cognitive Neuro-psychology that you took at our institute or from a related institute at our university, e.g., psychology, or even at the institution where you studied during your term abroad. You may have to put together some material for me about that course in case I don’t know it already. You may choose three topics from that course to which the exam will be restricted. If that course was taught in German and you feel more comfortable being examined in German, this may be arranged as well. However, this depends on the willingness and availability of the second examiner (usually a PhD student or PostDoc from our institute).

In sum: after this first step, send your registration form (or just that one page that I have to sign) to me (annette.hohenberger@uni-osnabrueck.de), indicate your second exam topic and suggest a couple of dates and times for the exam. I will reply to you then and find a second examiner. Please note that it is sufficient that I sign your registration form (the signature of the second examiner is not mandatory.)

**Procedure and modalities of the oral exam**

The oral module exam in Cognitive (Neuro-)Psychology will either take place **on-site** or **on-line**. The on-site, personal exam will take place at the Institute of Cognitive Science, Wachsbleiche 27, room 50/E04, in the basement. Alternatively, the on-line exam will take place in my BBB office: <https://webconf.uni-osnabrueck.de/b/dr--0oj-wmj>, code: 094528.

Three days before the exam, I will send you your exam text, usually an empirical paper from one of the areas of cognitive (neuro-)psychology. Please summarize it briefly (5-7 minutes). In both modalities, on-site or on-line, please do not prepare a written summary and read it off in front of us, but present it freely (of course, you may prepare some notes for support). I will bring a copy of the exam paper (and upload it to the BBB room, respectively), so that you may refer to it, e.g., point at figures in the text, during presentation or the question period, if needed. After your presentation, we will ask you questions about this text first. Then we will visit the other areas of cognitive (neuro-)psychology. Eventually, we will come to your second exam topic. “We”, that is the second examiner and me. Usually, this co-examiner is a PostDoc or PhD candidate at our institute. This person writes the minutes and may also ask questions.

In sum: the oral exam has three approximately equally long parts (10 min. each):

1. Your presentation of the exam paper and our questions
2. Our questions from any other field of C(N)P
3. Your second exam topic (restricted to 3 topics)

The exam takes place in English (except you explicitly want to be examined in German). For your second examination topic, please indicate to me three topics (and related papers) on which you want us to ask you.
Get a good night’s sleep before the exam so that you are well rested in the morning of the exam. Please be on-site or enter the BBB room a couple of minutes earlier, respectively, so that we can “warm up” briefly, before we start at the indicated time.

**Exam dates and times**

Usually, during the term, I offer two slots on **Mondays: from 10:00-10:30 and from 10:4-11:15**. During the lecture-free time, I am more flexible and we may arrange your exam according to the availability of all three of us: you, the second examiner and me.

**Special requirements**

If you have any special condition – exam anxiety, some sensory, motor, psychological or other challenge, please let me know. We are happy to discuss and accommodate your needs in this respect.

An oral exam is always an exciting and somewhat stressfull life-event. We offer a friendly professional atmosphere and strive for fairness during and after the exam. We will explain our grading to you and provide feedback about your performance.

If you still have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask the Examinations Office ([pacogsci@uni-osnabrueck.de](https://sogo.uni-osnabrueck.de/SOGo/so/ahohenberger/Contacts/view)) on all administrative questions and me on all substantive questions in the mail you send to me.

All the best for your preparations. I am looking forward to discussing and conducting your oral exam in C(N)P with you!

-Annette Hohenberger

1. Anderson, John R. (2020). *Cognitive psychology and its implications. Ninth edition*. New York, N.Y.: Worth Publishers. E-book in our University Library, accessible from there: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/osna/detail.action?docID=6418078> There are also a couple of hard copies at the library. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)