

BL4281 Animal Communication and Cognition

(BL4281 online module handbook version)

Credits: 15

Semester: 1

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Pre-requisite Modules:

Permission of Biology

Honours Adviser required

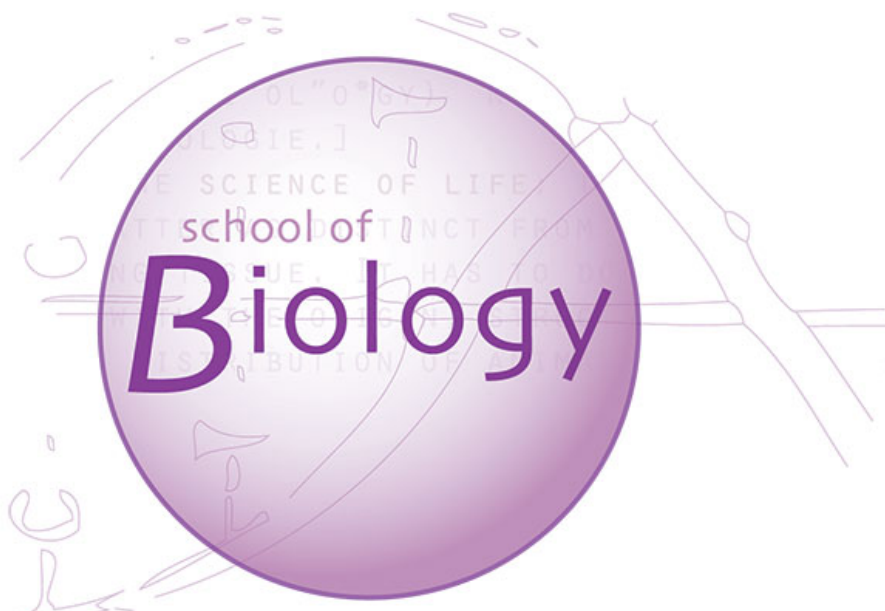
Anti-requisite Modules:

Post-requisite Modules:

Additional Module

Information:

[Please check MMS regularly for additional module information](#)



Learning to produce sounds is a particularly interesting subject as far as humans are concerned because it is such a notable feature of our own species. Why do we show it, and how did it evolve? As there is little evidence of it in any other primates we need to look further afield for clues. It is found in several other mammalian orders and in three orders of birds, and the evidence for it and nature of it will be examined in these examples. We will discuss why selection may have favoured it in each case. We will also consider vocal learning in a broader sense, including its use in animals that do not themselves produce sounds.

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BL4281: Timetable

No details are currently available for BL4281 Timetable

BL4281: Reading List

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BL4281: Assessment

2-hour Written Examination = 50%, Coursework = 50%

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The following related information applies to all Biology modules:

School of Biology Marking Criteria:	See School of Biology Undergraduate Handbook
Late submission of continuous assessment work:	All late submissions of coursework that do not require electronic submission should be made via the Biology Teaching Office, Level 2, BMS Building, North Haugh.
Exam details:	See School of Biology Undergraduate Handbook ;All Biology exams will be conducted online for 2022-23.
Exam timetable:	see http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/academic/examinations/examtimetables/current/
Expected attendance:	See School of Biology Undergraduate Handbook for detailed attendance requirements.
Good Academic Practice & Avoiding Academic Misconduct:	See School of Biology Undergraduate Handbook
University Student Handbook:	University Student Handbook
School and University regulations in the School and University Undergraduate Handbook relating to absence reporting, penalties and rules for late submission of work, extensions for coursework, return of coursework, S-coding, good academic practice and Academic Alerts.:	School of Biology Undergraduate Handbook University Student Handbook

Who to ask

(Information in this section applies to all Biology Modules)

Before contacting staff, students should check the content of the Biology Undergraduate Handbook, the module handbook and specific task instructions.

Questions about

General teaching matters
Rescheduled or cancelled events
Lecture or practical content
Completing assessed practical assignments
Completing assessments

Marking on continuous assessment

Marking on exams

Rearranging practical days

Absence and/or extensions

Difficulties with academic progress which impact more than one module:

Overall performance, progress or future directions:

Disability:

For advice and support on any issue e.g. academic, financial, international, personal or health matters, or if you are unsure of who to go to for help:

University assistance with urgent matters out of office hours:

Contact

Biology Teaching Office (bioteach@st-andrews.ac.uk)

Check your University email

The lecturer who presented the material

The lecturer who set the assignment

Module Organiser ([Prof Vincent Janik vj@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:Prof.Vincent.Janik.vj@st-andrews.ac.uk))

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and the Biology Teaching Office (bioteach@st-andrews.ac.uk)

Year Coordinator

See [School of Biology Undergraduate student handbook](#) for list:

<http://biology.st-andrews.ac.uk/documents/UndergraduateHandbook.pdf>

Advisor of Studies

Disability Coordinator ([Dr Jacqueline Nairn jn37@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:Dr.Jacqueline.Nairn.jn37@st-andrews.ac.uk))

Advice & Support Centre

Address: 79 North Street, St Andrews

Email: theasc@st-andrews.ac.uk

Web: <https://www.standrews.ac.uk/ask-a-question/>

Tel: 01334 462020

Tel: 01334 476161

Web: <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/advice/counselling/incrisis/>

Biology Teaching Office:

We are happy to hear from you about teaching matters. The School of Biology Teaching Office is open Monday to Friday 09.00 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 17.00. School of Biology staff will respond to your emails during these hours. Our team will provide a response to you within three working days.

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BL4281: Learning Outcomes

No details are currently available for Learning Outcomes

BL4281: Acquired Skills

No details are currently available for Acquired Skills

Policies

(Information in this section applies to all Biology Modules)

- The procedures and regulations followed by the School of Biology are outlined in the [University Handbook](#) and in the [School of Biology Undergraduate Handbook](#) (<https://synergy.st-andrews.ac.uk/biocurrentstudent/files/2017/09/UndergraduateHandbook.pdf>).
- All coursework associated with the module must be completed and submitted by its due date.
- Specific School regulations relating to absence reporting, penalties and rules for late submission of work, extensions for coursework, return of coursework, S-coding, Good Academic Practice and Academic Alert are stated in the [School of Biology Undergraduate Handbook](#) and students are required to carefully read these regulations.
- Students are also referred to the University Handbook, available at: <http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/studenthandbook/>