

PSYC309 Sensation & Perception Lab
Fall 2011

Section 201: Wednesday 8:30 am - 10:20 am, Innovation 326
Section 202: Friday 10:30 am - 12:20 am, Innovation 327

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*Or by appointment

This syllabus is a snapshot and may not be current. For an accurate syllabus, go to: <http://archlab.gmu.edu/people/mpeters2/Courses/PSY309/psy309.html>

Text: Sensation & Perception 8th Edition, E. Bruce Goldstein, ISBN: 9780495601494

Web Page: <http://archlab.gmu.edu/people/mpeters2/Courses/PSY309/psy309.html>
warning: url is case sensitive!

Lab Overview

Psychology 309 is a Writing-Intensive course, and the lab section partially fulfills that requirement. You will be participating in three lab projects (experiments) over the course of the semester, with each project becoming progressively more detailed (as noted in the grades below).

You are allowed to redo your first two assignments, and your redos can earn you up to half of the missed points on those assignments. I highly encourage you take advantage of these opportunities, as the 2nd and 3rd assignments build on the skills learned in the previous assignments.

The lab assignments are designed to reinforce the material covered in the lecture portion of PSYC309. Through readings, write-ups and experiments, you will investigate how the two concepts of sensation and perception play complimentary but various roles in our environment. The lab section is also intended to give you the opportunity to bring up any questions about the material covered in the reading, assignments, or lectures.

Grading

Your participation for this lab will be worth 33% of your total PSYC309 grade and is determined as follows:

Lab 1 write-up:	15	
Lab 2 write-up:	30	
Lab 3 write-up:	45	
Lab participation: _____	10	
Total:	100	points

NOTE: This schedule is very preliminary and is subject to change.

Week	Date	Schedule	Work due
1	8/31 – 9/2	Preview of class. Sign up for lab 1	
2	9/7 – 9/9	Run in Lab 1	
3	9/14 – 9/16	APA format, go over Lab 1 data	
4	9/21 – 9/23	Lab 1 due	Lab 1
5	9/28 – 9/30	Go over lab 1. Sign up for lab 2	
6	10/5 – 10/7	Run in Exp 2	
7	10/12 – 10/14	Go over Lab 2 data	
8	10/19 – 10/21	Go over writing up Exp 2, + methods section and other new stuff	
9	10/26 – 10/28	Lab 2 due	Lab 2
10	11/2 – 11/4	Go over lab 2	
11	11/9 – 11/11	Run in Exp 3	
12	11/16 – 11/18	Writing detailed introduction and discussion sections.	
	11/23 – 11/25	Thanksgiving Break	
13	11/30 – 12/2	Exp 3 continued	
14	12/7 – 12/9	Lab 3 due	Lab 3

HONOR CODE: Working in a group to discuss course material is encouraged, but all assignments submitted for the lab (unless otherwise specified) should represent your own work. All homework assignments are to be completed individually. Any Honor Code violation will result in a zero for that assignment. All provisions of the GMU Honor Code will be followed in this class, and are further detailed in the university catalog.

DISABILITY HELP: If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 703-993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office.

Add/Drop Deadline for courses:

Last day to add – Sept. 6th

Last day to drop – 30th

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