

PSYC309 Sensation & Perception Lab
Fall 2011

Section 201: Monday 8:30 am - 10:20 am, Innovation 326
Section 202: Monday 10:30 am - 12:20 pm, Innovation 327

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

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	
<u>Lab participation:</u>	<u>10</u>	
Total:	100	points

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

Week	Date	Schedule	Work due
1	1/23	Preview of class. Sign up for lab 1	
2	1/30	Run in Lab 1	
3	2/6	APA format, go over Lab 1 data	
4	2/13	Lab 1 due	Lab 1
5	2/20	Go over lab 1. Sign up for lab 2	
6	2/27	Run in Exp 2	
7	3/5	Go over Lab 2 data Go over writing up Exp 2, + methods section and other new stuff	
8	3/12	SPRING BREAK	
9	3/19	Lab 2 due	Lab 2
10	3/26	Go over lab 2	
11	4/2	Away at a conference (no class)	
12	4/9	Run in Lab 3	
	4/16	Go over Lab 3 data Writing detailed introduction and discussion sections.	
13	4/23	Work on papers in class	
14	4/30	Lab 3 due	Lab 3

Information regarding paper due dates, opportunity for revisions and Late Policy

Due Dates

Papers are due by 5:00 pm (electronically) on the assigned due date.

Opportunity to redo assignments

If students turn in the assignment by the assigned due date, they will be provided with an opportunity to redo their assignment and earn up to half of the missed points on the assignment. However, failure to turn in the assignment by the due date will result in forfeiting the right to redo the assignment. If students decide to redo their assignment, the revised paper must be turned in exactly one week from the day in which they receive feedback on their original paper. So, if the paper is returned to the student on Monday morning of one week, then the redo is due by 5:00 pm on the following Monday. Failure to submit the redo within exactly one week of receiving feedback on the original paper is subject to the standard late policy as described below.

Late Policy

Papers that are turned in after 5:00 pm on the assigned due date will receive a deduction of one letter grade (as well as forfeit the right to redo the assignment). For each additional

day that the paper is late, one letter grade will be deducted; so turning in the paper after 5:00 pm on the day after the assignment is due will result in the reduction of an additional letter grade.

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 - January 31st

Last day to drop - February 24th

*Syllabus is subject to change.