

PSYC309 Sensation & Perception Lab
Fall 2006

Section 201: Tuesday 8:30 am - 10:20 am
Section 202: Tuesday 10:30 am - 12:20 pm

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Class Webpage: www.hfac.gmu.edu/~mpeters2/Courses/PSY309/psy309.html
Text: Wolfe, Kluender, & Levi, Sensation & Perception; Sinauer

Lab Overview

The lab is designed to reinforce the material covered in the lecture portion of PSYC309. Through readings, write-ups, experiments, you will investigate how the two concepts of sensation and perception play complimentary but various roles in our environment. Lab is intended to give you the opportunity to bring up any questions about the material covered in the reading, assignments, or lectures. Students will perform a literature review on the topic of their choice related to sensation and perception following APA protocol.

Grading

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

Exp 1 write-up:	15 points
Exp 2 write-up:	30 points
Literature Review:	45 points
Lab participation:	10 points
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Total:	100 points

Week	Date	Schedule	Work due
1	8/29	Introduction, Exp 1	
2	9/5	Exp 1 data, APA format/theory	
3	9/12	Review for Exam 1, Sign-up for Exp 2	Study
4	9/19	Q&A for Exam 1	Study
5	9/26	Exp 2	Exp 1 write-up due

6	10/3	Exp 2 data, Review for Exam 2	Study
7	10/10	Columbus Day	No Class
8	10/17	Exam 2	No Class
9	10/24	Sign-up for Exp 3	Exp 2 write-up due
10	10/31	Exp 3	
11	11/7	Review for Exam 3	Study
12	11/14	Exp 3 data, Discuss Lit Review	
13	11/21	Q&A for Lit Review	Lit References due
14	11/28	Q&A for Lit Review	
15	12/5	Final Exam Review	Lit Review due

Literature Review: min 8 pages, APA format

The literature review will be on experiment 3. You will explore this area of research, what theories and technologies have influenced it and what questions remain about this topic. You will introduce a central question or problem to be investigated, tying in the relevant background information.

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. 12th

Last day to drop – Sept. 29th

*Syllabus is subject to change.