Instructor Information
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Course Information
Prerequisites: Psych 101
Optional text:


Course goals: The goal of Psych 312 is to impart the latest scientific information about the human senses. In order to do this, both the biology and psychology of human sensory systems will be examined. Anyone with an interest in understanding the human mind must know the information presented in this course as the senses provide the gateway to all other psychological phenomena.

Tentative Schedule

May 17 M  Course Introduction
History of Inquiry into Perception  read Goldstein, Chapter 1

May 18 T  Physiological basis of perception  read Goldstein, Chapters 2 & 3

May 19 W  The anatomy and physiology of vision

May 20 R  The anatomy and physiology of vision
Color vision  read Goldstein, Chapter 4

May 21 F  Color vision
Review for Exam #1  read Goldstein, Chapter 7

May 24 M  Memorial Day, No Class

May 25 T  Examination #1
Perceiving Objects and Forms  read Goldstein, Chapter 5

May 26 W  Perceiving Objects and Forms  read Goldstein, Chapter 7
May 27 R  Perceiving Depth and Size  
Perceiving Movement  
read Goldstein, Chapter 8

May 28 F  Clinical Aspects of vision

May 31 M  Animal vision, visual illusions

June 1 T  Examination #2  
Visual illusions

June 2 W  Hearing  
read Goldstein, Chapter 11 & 12

June 3 R  Hearing  
read Goldstein, Chapter 13

June 4 F  Speech perception

June 7 M  Examination #3  
Vestibular senses

June 8 T  Cutaneous senses  
read Goldstein, Chapter 14

June 9 W  Cutaneous and Chemical senses

June 10 R  Chemical Senses  
read Goldstein, Chapter 15

June 11 F  Final Exam

Grading

Grades will be based on three mid-term examinations and a final exam.

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Missed Examination and Quiz Policy

If you miss an examination, that examination needs to be made up at the Instructor’s office hours in the week following the exam. Go to the Instructor’s office hours in the week following the exam, and he will give you the test. If you can’t make it to the Instructor’s office hours in the week following the exam, please see him as soon as possible to arrange an alternative appointment.