



PSY 3153-001/002 (Fall 2022) Sensation and Perception (On-line)



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This syllabus may change during the course of the semester. Students will be advised immediately if any changes are made.

Course Objectives¹: We will examine how humans and other animals sense and perceive the world. First we will consider the philosophical questions that humans have long posed about perception, and study the methods and techniques scientists use to try to answer them. We will study the sensory pathways, perceptual processing, and higher-level meaning-making. We will cover the orienting senses, skin senses, chemical senses (smell and taste), audition, and vision. We will consider sensation and perception from several perspectives: physiological, psychophysical, ecological, motivational, and computational. This diversity of viewpoints also allows us to look at multi-sensory perceptual processes. The course will be in video lecture format. There will be four online exams.

Prerequisite(s): PSY 3403 Experimental Psychology, with a grade of "C" or better.

Credit Hours: 3

Online Tools: Course content is maintained on a simple website accessible via <https://salsa.net/u/2> or via UTSA Blackboard. All exams are administered on UTSA's Blackboard system. You may connect to it by going to <http://utsa.blackboard.com>. Students may also purchase access to Cengage MindTap, but it is not required.

Office Hours: Since this is an online course, most interactions between professor and student will take place in via email or via WebEx.

If you'd like to speak with me directly please visit during office hours, or let me know via email and we can set up a time and place to meet.

¹Text for this course description is based on one written by Bruce Walker at Georgia Tech

Textbook

Because this class is an online course, the textbook is essential. All of the information for the exams will come from the textbook!

Text: Goldstein, E.B., Cacciamani, L (2021). *Sensation and Perception* (11th ed.). Cengage.

ISBN-13: 978-0-357-44647-8

The Cengage MindTap online tool is NOT REQUIRED for this course. But the materials there are helpful. Instructions for accessing Cengage MindTap are available in Blackboard.

Policy on Lectures

1. Lectures are in video format and will be posted on YouTube. URL for Dr. Lopez' YouTube channel playlist is <http://salsa.net/u/2z>
2. The link to lecture videos will be posted in Blackboard.
3. Each chapter will be covered by 5 to 7 lecture videos, each one is 10 to 20 minutes in length.
4. The slides used for each video lecture will also be posted in Blackboard.
5. There is no way for me to monitor who watches the videos. You may watch them by clicking on the link in Blackboard or by going directly to YouTube.
6. The videos will cover the main concepts in each chapter, with examples, to make sure you can understand what is being described in each chapter.
7. Class Participation: Blackboard discussion forums will be available to ask questions about the lectures and book content.

Policy on Exams

All exams for this course will be given on-line on Blackboard. There will be no need to visit the UTSA campus.

All of the exams in this online course will have dates when they should be completed. See the Course Calendar in Blackboard for the dates. Any exams not completed by the due dates will receive a grade of zero.

Exams may only be attempted ONCE. If you start an exam and bail out in the middle of it, that exam will be counted as a ZERO grade. Make sure when you start an exam that you will be able to finish it and that you have a reliable internet connection. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule.

Because this is an online course that you are completing at your own pace, there will be NO MAKEUP EXAMS given. This includes those online exams that are halted while you are taking them.

NOTE THIS: If you submit an exam anytime after the due date, YOUR GRADE WILL NOT BE DISPLAYED IN BLACKBOARD. DO NOT EMAIL ME ABOUT THIS. YOUR GRADE IS RECORDED IT IS JUST NOT DISPLAYED IN BLACKBOARD. DO NOT EMAIL ME OR ANYONE ELSE ABOUT THIS. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. YOUR GRADE IS GOING TO BE RECORDED. DO NOT EMAIL ME OR ANYONE ELSE ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

Grading System

Exams: You will take three exams per 4 chapters of the text book, and one exam covering the last 3 chapters. All exams are multiple choice exams administered on Blackboard. Each of these exams will consist of 65 multiple choice questions. You will be given 90 minutes to complete each exam. If you reach the 90 minute time limit and you are not finished with an exam, Blackboard will end the exam and your exam will be graded. Any questions you did not answer will be counted as wrong.

Grade Weights Grades will be weighted according to the following:

- Exams: Each of the 4 exams will count for twenty percent (25%) of your grade for a total of one-hundred percent (100%) of your grade.
- No extra credit will be given!

Student Disability Services

Dr. Lopez, the Department of Psychology, and UTSA are committed to providing reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities. Please visit the Student Disability Services web site at <http://www.utsa.edu/disability> for more information.

Academic Dishonesty

Incivility online or in a classroom, plagiarizing, and cheating of any kind will result in being reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards.

UTSA Policy and the UTSA Roadrunner Creed are available at <http://provost.utsa.edu/syllabus.asp>. You are required to read these documents and understand the fact that the University takes academic dishonesty very seriously.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is giving the impression that you have written or thought about something that you have in fact borrowed from someone else. Some examples are

- collaboration with others and turning in similar work (either INTENTIONALLY OR UNINTENTIONALLY – ALL PARTIES WILL BE PENALIZED.)
- having others "help" you with your work (also applies to seeking help from students who have taken the course from previous semesters)
- copying work that is not yours (buying it on the Internet or from other places does NOT make it yours)
- copying word for word
- no proper referencing of ideas, facts, or statements
- providing and copying answers to exam questions
- buying and/or selling work
- telling other students of the course (present and future) about exam items
- lying about any of the above

The list above is not complete. Go to <https://salsa.net/u/g> for the University's policy about plagiarism, collusion, and cheating.

You may use another person's ideas, thoughts, or words in your writing, but you must acknowledge the authors. Do not repeat someone else's ideas more or less verbatim without proper referencing (APA style). Do not paraphrase another person's argument as your own and present another's line of thinking as though it were your own.

Plagiarizing will result in severe penalties, which includes failing the class and expulsion from class and the University. Cheating in exams and academic dishonesty fall under the same penalties. It will also be recorded in your transcript AND will stay there. Don't do it, and don't even think you can get away with it. If you think you are plagiarizing, then you probably are. If you are uncertain about whether or not you are plagiarizing, please see the instructor. Ignorance of the law is no excuse.

Dropping the Course

Please check the semester calendar on ASAP to monitor deadlines including when the last day to drop a course is. It is not possible to drop the class after the deadline has passed.

Course Calendar

The course calendar will determine when you should be completed with a certain number of exams. If you have not completed exams by the date indicated on the course calendar, you will receive a grade of zero on those exams. There will be no exceptions.

The official course calendar with all exam due dates is on Blackboard. Please make sure you keep track of all due dates!

Exam	Chapters	Complete by
1	1,2,3,4	17 Sept 2022
2	5,6,7,8	15 Oct 2022
3	9,10,11,12	19 Nov 2022
4	14,15,16	9 Dec 2022

Please note that we will be SKIPPING CHAPTER 13. Also note that exams will be due at 23:59 (11:59 PM) on each of the dates listed on the course calendar.

Important Web Sites

1. Blackboard: <https://utsa.blackboard.com>
2. Dr. Ray's YouTube Channel: <https://salsa.net/u/2z>
3. Dr. Ray's site for this course: <https://salsa.net/u/30>
4. ASAP: <http://asap.utsa.edu>
5. BlueBook (for syllabi): <https://bluebook.utsa.edu>

6. Services for students and RR Creed: <https://provost.utsa.edu/syllabus.asp>
7. UTSA Code of Conduct: <https://catalog.utsa.edu/informationbulletin/appendices/studentcodeofconduct/>
8. UTSA Student Disability Services (SDS) <https://www.utsa.edu/disability>

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