| COURSE: | PSY315 - SENSATION AND PERCEPTION  
| Fall SEMESTER, 2012 |
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| CLASS TIME & LOCATION: | Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 8:30 AM – 9:20 AM  
RMSC 233  
LAB: Monday 2-5 PM, RMSC 228 |
| COURSE WEB SITE: | Grades, important class notices, a current syllabus, and course schedule can be found on the course web site that is accessible from this address:  
http://webs.wofford.edu/pittmandw/psy315 |
| INSTRUCTOR: | David W. Pittman, Ph.D. |
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| OFFICE: | RMSC 231B |
| OFFICE HOURS: | Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30-10:30 AM or by appointment |
ISBN: 0878939534 |
| COURSE DESCRIPTION, RATIONALE, & GOALS: | Upon successful completion of this course, you should have an in-depth understanding of the neurology of the senses (vision, audition, vestibular, gustation, olfaction, and somatosensory) and the relationship between neural sensations and cognitive perceptions.  
Course Goals & Outcomes:  
- Know the stimuli, transduction mechanisms, & neurology of each of the senses  
- Understand the cognitive processes of sensory perception  
- Understand the development of the sensory systems  
- Be able to perform and understand statistical analyses with SPSS  
- Be able to write a scientific report. |
| EVALUATION: | The exams will consist of multiple choice, definition, and short answer essays.  
Your final grade will be determined in the following manner:  
| Exam 1 | 14% |
| Exam 2 | 14% |
| Exam 3 | 14% |
| Exam 4 | 14% |
| Comprehensive Final Exam | 19% |
| Lab Grade (see LAB SYLLABUS for explanation) | 25% |
| Final Grade: | 100% |
| GRADING SCALE: | Letter grades will be assigned as follows: A = 93-100, A- = 90-92, B+ = 87-89, B = 83-86, B- = 80-82, C+ = 77-79, C = 73-76, C- = 70-72, D = 60-69, and below 60 = F; I = incomplete.  
LAB REPORT Letter Grade to Numeric Conversion Scale:  
A+ = 98, A = 95, A- = 91, B+ = 88, B = 85, B- = 81, C+ = 78, C = 75, C- = 71, D+ = 68, D = 65, D- = 61, F+ = 55, F = 45, F- = 25 |

Additional course policies continued on back of page.
### Penalties for Late Assignments:

All work is assigned in advance with ample time to complete the assignment. Turning in assignments after the due time is not acceptable. There will be a 10 point deduction from the assignment grade for each 24 hr period that an assignment is late. **If an assignment is 4 days late, the student will be assigned a WF for the course.**

### COMPLETION OF WORK:

You must conduct each laboratory experiment and submit a complete lab report (Introduction, Methods, Results, & Discussion sections) to meet the requirements of this course. **If an assignment is more than 4 days late, you will receive a WF for the course.** In the event of special circumstances, arrangements for completing the work in a timely manner will be made.

### EXAM SCHEDULE:

A schedule of course material and exams can be found on the course web site at this address: [http://webs.wofford.edu/pittmandw/psy315](http://webs.wofford.edu/pittmandw/psy315)

The exam schedule is subject to change upon notification.

### MAKE-UP EXAMS:

There are NO make-up exams. The exam schedule is posted on the course web site and all exams will be taken on the appropriate date. Special arrangements may be made in the case of medical, personal, or emergency situations - IF I AM NOTIFIED PRIOR TO THE ABSENCE. My voice mail (office phone) is available 24 hours a day and it has a time stamp to identify when you called. You must notify me if you are going to miss an exam - **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

### ABSENCE POLICY:

In accordance with the policy of the college, **attendance of all class meetings is mandatory.** Attendance of class will be monitored. In the case of excused absences (refer to the Student Handbook for definition) every effort will be made to assist in the comprehension of the missed work. Students with 1 unexcused absence will first be notified and subsequent additional unexcused absences will result in a report to the Dean’s office. Students with 3 unexcused absences will be automatically dropped from the course.

In the event of a canceled class due to weather (i.e. a snow day) the lecture material will be made up during the next available lab period.

### ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

The integrity of the academic programs of the college and the value of the credentials of graduates of the college are threatened by acts of academic dishonesty. All acts of academic dishonesty will be dealt with according to the Honor Code in the Student Handbook and the link below:


Sanctions include but are not limited to failing the course and suspension from the college. Academic dishonesty includes acts such as lying in regard to academic work, cheating, manipulating data, and plagiarism. Committing an act of academic dishonesty can result in delaying your graduation from Wofford. **If you are in doubt about your source or use of a source, then consult Dr. Pittman at once.**

### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:

The ADA requires that all qualified persons have equal opportunity and access to education regardless of the presence of any disabling conditions. It is the student’s responsibility to inform me of any special accommodations needed. Students needing special accommodations for a testing situation must notify me in advance (at least 1 week) of the exam.

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