

Psychology 492 – Perception, Syllabus Spring 2024

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Office Hours:	Monday's 2:30 – 4:00 in EP 325 and via appointment Email at MGEISLER@SFSU.EDU
Lecture:	Monday's 4:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. in BH 28 There are no Lectures on Exam Days
Exam Format:	Multiple Choice via Canvas Timed 40 Minute Exams at Home

Class Description: Methods, theory, and analysis of sensations and perceptions; The study of psychological and biological approaches to perception culminating with current investigations of perception using modern psychophysiological recording techniques.

Textbook: Biological Psychology (11th or 12th ed) by James Kalat (Wadsworth)

Class Structure: We will cover approximately ½ to 1 chapter per week beginning with Chapter 1 and continue the chapters in order. You will have an exam approximately every 3-4 weeks for a total of 4 exams (6-8 Chapters). If I change anything about the class I will give you plenty of notice, via Canvas or e-mail notification. I reserve the right to change anything and everything about the class.

The 1st Exam is scheduled for Monday, Feb 26th*(No Classes 3-25 thru 3-29)
The 2nd Exam is scheduled for Monday, April 8th*(No Classes 4-1 Cesar Chavez)
The 3rd Exam is scheduled for Monday, May 6th
The 4th Exam is scheduled for Monday, May 20th *(Cumulative and New Material)

Exam Format: Each of the four exams will consist of 40 multiple choice items. All of the exams will be administered via Canvas on the Mondays listed above. The exams will be available to start any time on Monday but **must** be completed by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, Monday night. Once you start the exam you will have 40 minutes to finish the exam (DPRC students will have accommodations provided that are specific to their individual DPRC letters). Thus, the latest you can start the exam is 11:20 pm on the Mondays above in order to have the full 40 minutes. DPRC students must start the exam earlier, specific to their individual letters to allow full time before 11:59 p.m.

Grading: Your Final grade will be based on the sum of your **best two of the first three exams plus exam four** according to the scale below. You **MUST** take all four exams and there will be **NO MAKE-UP EXAMS. Any form of cheating will equal an F.**

Extra Credit: You may earn up to 5 extra credit points for this course via the Psychology Departments SONA system. Usually a 1 hour experiment earns you 1 Extra Credit point. All extra credit is due (via e-mail screen shot sent to mgeisler@sfsu.edu) on Sunday, May 19th, 2024, the day **BEFORE** the last exam on Monday, May 20th, 2024.

Total points possible (from your best 2 exams of the first 3 exams plus exam 4): **120**

A = 112-120 (above 93%)

A-	=	108-111	(90%)
B+	=	102-107	(85%)
B	=	96-101	(80%)
B-	=	90-95	(75%)
C+	=	84-89	(70%)
C	=	78-83	(65%) [Credit/No Credit Cutoff]
C-	=	72-77	(60%)
D	=	60-71	(50%)
F	=	<60	(below 50%)

Important Academic Dates: 2nd page of PSY 492 Syllabus: Spring 2024

Jan 29, 2024 - Classes Begin.

Jan 29 - Feb 4: Adds permitted with no permit numbers needed.

Feb 5 - Feb 16: Adds permitted via permit number on www.sfsu.edu/student

Jan 29 - Feb 16: Undergraduates allowed to register for 19 units maximum via permit number (students on probation limited to 13 units).

Jan 29 - Feb 16: Students may drop course(s) or leave University “without W” on transcript.

Feb 16: Drop Deadline (WITHOUT “W”) - Note: if you do not attend the first class session, the instructor may drop you. However, it is the student’s responsibility to drop classes by the drop deadline. After February 16, the student must file a withdrawal petition, and if approved, will receive a "W" (Withdrawal) grade on their official transcript.

Feb 16: Deadline to sign up for Audit grade.

Feb 17 - Apr 24: If withdrawal is approved, Student will receive “W” on transcript.

March 25 - March 29: Spring Recess. No Classes, campus open.

April 1: Cesar Chavez Day, No Classes, campus closed.

April 25 - May 17: Withdrawal from course(s) or University by exception for documented serious and compelling reasons.

May 10: Last day to request CR/NC grading option.

May 17: Last Day of Classes.

May 18, thru May 25: Final Exams Week excludes Sunday.

May 27: Memorial Day, campus closed.

May 31: GRADES DUE, Semester ends.

Other Important Academic Policy Reminders:

Academic Integrity:

It is assumed that students understand and will abide by the University policies for academic integrity. The expectation is that students will not give, receive, or use unauthorized assistance on any assignment or exam and will only claim work that is entirely their own. This includes not completing assignments or exams in the presence of other students where they can observe other students’ work or responses or have their work or responses be observed by other students. Students may only collaborate with other students on designated group projects. Students suspected of academic dishonesty may be reported to the Office of Student Conduct <https://conduct.sfsu.edu/academic-dishonesty>.

Course Repeat Policy:

Since Fall 2008 a new course repeat policy is in effect. Students may only enroll in a course a maximum of two times. Courses taken Fall 2008 or after, will count as enrollment, including grades of AU, I, IC, RD, RP, W, and WU, traditional grades (A, B, C, D, and F, and their plus and minus designations), and CR/ NC. The course repeat policy is intended to balance unfettered and equitable access to SF State resources. It will also promote careful planning of academic schedules, facilitate student advising at pivotal academic points, and increase enrollment opportunities for all students. For complete details please go to <http://www.sfsu.edu/~senate/documents/policies/S09-248.html>.

Withdrawal Policy:

Withdrawal Policy: Beginning Fall 2009, undergraduate students may withdraw from a course a maximum of two times and from no more than 18 semester-units of course work. This does not include total semester withdrawals of all courses or classes taken in CEL (College of Extended Learning). Please refer to the Bulletin for complete information, <http://www.sfsu.edu/~bulletin/current/genpol.htm>.

Jan 30 - Feb 17: Students may drop course(s) or leave University “without W”

Feb 17: Drop Deadline (WITHOUT “W”) - Note: if you do not attend the first class session, the instructor may drop you. However, it is the student’s responsibility to drop classes by the drop deadline. After February 17, the student must file a withdrawal petition, and if approved, will receive a “W” (Withdrawal) grade on their transcript.

Feb 18 - Apr 24: If withdrawal is approved, Student will receive “W” on transcript.

Apr 25 - May 19: Withdrawal from course(s) or University for serious and compelling reasons with documentation.

Statement on Religious Holidays:

The faculty of San Francisco State University shall accommodate students wishing to observe religious holidays when such observances require students to be absent from class activities. It is the responsibility of the student to inform the instructor, in writing, about such holidays during the first two weeks of the class each semester. If such holidays occur during the first two weeks of the semester, the student must notify the instructor, in writing, at least three days before the date that he/she will be absent. It is the responsibility of the instructor to make every reasonable effort to honor the student request without penalty, and of the student to make up the work missed.

Disability Access:

Students with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations are encouraged to contact the instructor. The Disability Programs and Resource Center (DPRC) is available to facilitate the reasonable accommodations process. The DPRC is located in the Student Service Building and can be reached by telephone (voice/TTY [415-338-2472](tel:415-338-2472)) or by email (dprc@sfsu.edu). (<http://www.sfsu.edu/~dprc>)

Student Disclosures of Sexual Violence:

SF State fosters a campus free of sexual violence including sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and/or any form of sex or gender discrimination. If you disclose a personal experience as an SF State student, the course instructor is required to notify the Title IX Coordinator by completing the report form available at <http://titleix.sfsu.edu>, emailing vpasem@sfsu.edu or calling 338-2032.

To disclose any such violence confidentially, contact:

- The SAFE Place - (415) 338-2208; http://www.sfsu.edu/~safe_plc/
- Counseling and Psychological Services Center - (415) 338-2208; <http://psyserve.sfsu.edu/>
- For more information on your rights and available resources: <http://titleix.sfsu.edu>