PSYC 4260
Seminar in sensation and perception
Summer 2011

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Lectures: Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Chemistry Building 120
Office hours: TBD
Readings: journal articles posted on course website
Website: www.yorku.ca/rfm/psyc4260
Evaluation: quizzes (10%), seminar presentation (10%), two midterm tests (20% each), final exam (20%), term paper (20%)
Prerequisites: The usual prerequisites for fourth-year seminars (consult the undergraduate office), plus PSYC 2220

Course credit exclusion: PSYC 4120 taken before summer 2002

Seminar format. Each three hour class will be divided into two 1.5 hour seminars. Each seminar will begin with two students jointly presenting the day's articles. The presentation should take around 20 minutes, and should explain the articles and suggest ideas for discussion.

Weekly quizzes. There will be a short quiz at the beginning of each class on the day's articles. Your two lowest quiz scores will be dropped.

Midterm tests and final exam. The midterms and the final exam will cover both the in-class discussions and the readings. The final exam will cover the entire course.

Term paper. The term paper will be a review and discussion of one or two journal articles. The paper will be around 2500 words long, and the journal articles will normally be the ones you presented in your seminar.

Missed tests and quizzes. There will be no makeup tests or quizzes. If you provide suitable documentation for missing a test or quiz, you will have the weight of the missed test added to the weight of the final exam, and the weight of the missed quiz distributed amongst the remaining quizzes. Tests and quizzes missed without adequate documentation will be assigned a mark of zero.

Plagiarism. Representing others' work as your own is a serious academic offense. Consult the Department of Psychology's undergraduate calendar for the departmental policy on plagiarism.

Drop date. The last date to withdraw without receiving a grade is May 27, 2011.