

Department.: Psychology

Course Number: PSYC 211W

Course Title: Psycholinguistics Laboratory

Credits: 3

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Catalog Copy: Either semester. Three credits. Two 3-hour laboratory periods. Prerequisite: PSYC 202Q or 202WQ ; ENGL 105 or 110 or 111 or 250 . Recommended preparation: PSYC 221 or PSYC 256 or LING 202 . May be taken concurrently.

Introduction to the experimental study of language understanding and use. Topics selected from among speech perception, word recognition, sentence processing, language production, and corpus phenomena.

W Criteria: - 1. How the writing assignments enable and enhance learning the content of the course: Short laboratory reports, which must be completed relatively early in the course, will be returned with comments and students will have a chance to resubmit them in revised form. When they write their experiment proposals, the students will have to make persuasive arguments in favor of a plan that they have not yet carried out. During this phase, the feedback on the verbal formulation will be frequent and highly interactive. The long report near the end of the course will give students a chance to implement earlier advice in a more autonomous project. It will be submitted once for feedback, and again in polished form.

2. The course requires a minimum of fifteen pages of revised, edited writing: 14 pages of laboratory report will be required (three 2-page assignments and two 4-page assignments). An experiment proposal (3 pages) and a long report (at least 5 pages) will also be required. At least 15 pages of the writing will be returned with comments for resubmission.

3. Each student must pass the “W” component in order to pass the course.

4. The course syllabus will inform students of requirements 2. and 3. and provide details concerning how those requirements will be met. At least 50% of the grade will be based on the laboratory reports.

Role of Grad Students: none