

Department.: Psychology

Course Number: PSYC 263W

Course Title: Laboratory in Animal Learning

Credits: 3

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Catalog Copy: Prerequisite: PSYC 202Q or 202WQ and PSYC 220 or 257 or 253 , and consent of instructor; ENGL 105 or 110 or 111 or 250 .

W Criteria: Psychology 263W is a lab course, in which students write manuscripts based on experiments that they conduct. All writing assignments are designed to enhance learning of the content of the course, and facilitate the integration of the course material. The total number of pages required will exceed the minimum requirement of 15 pages. There will be 4-5 manuscripts required, and each will be at least 7 pages long. For each assignment there will be extensive written feedback provided, and there will be opportunities for revising the manuscript in response to the feedback. In addition to providing feedback on the scientific content, feedback also will be provided regarding style, spelling, punctuation and grammar. Moreover, there will be formal class instruction on how to write the manuscripts, which will include instruction on the language and style appropriate for this type of writing. More than 50% of the grade will be derived from the manuscripts. Each student must pass the W component in order to pass the course.

Role of Grad Students: There will be one graduate student teaching assistant per section. The TA will help to conduct the experiments. The instructor of record will grade the W component, and provide feedback and writing instruction, and the graduate student will assist with other aspects of the course.