

Outside Readings Paper (90 Points)

PSYC4165: The Psychology of Perception, Fall 2021

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For each week of class there is one (in some cases two) original research article(s) associated with the topic for that week. These papers are listed on page 7 of the syllabus and are available through the course web site via Canvas. For this assignment choose one of these articles. Then do a literature search and find a **newer** paper related to the assigned one you chose. Write a paper, no longer than six pages (not including a final reference page), with the following content:

1. Summary of paper 1 (the assigned papers you chose);
2. Summary of paper 2 (the one you found from your literature search);
3. Relevance of each paper for an aspect of the course that is of interest to you and how the papers are related to each other.

The summaries of each paper should have five components:

1. What question did the authors try to answer?
2. What methods did they use, including the dependent variable(s) that they measured and the independent variable(s) that they manipulated?
3. What results did they find?
4. What conclusion did they draw?
5. Do you think their conclusions are valid based on their methods and results?

The Relevance section (the third part) of your paper can be quite flexible but generally should start with a description of a specific perceptual phenomenon that you find interesting. Then you should explain how the two papers are relevant to this phenomenon and how they might lead to an understanding of it. You might also suggest an additional experiment, inspired by the two papers, to further explain the phenomenon.

The paper should not be a series of bullet points but should be a smoothly flowing narrative that expresses your thoughts and ideas in a clear and logical way. The paper is an opportunity for you to consolidate some of the wide-ranging material that you have encountered this semester. Try to make the paper fun for you to write and for us to read.

Be sure to include APA style citations in your text and references for both of the articles. The Reference section at the end of our paper does not count for the page limit.

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