

**Psychology 360*:
The Psychology of Sleep
Fall Term 2016**

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Aims and Learning Outcomes:

After successful completion of PSYC 360, students should be able to

- a) summarize the behavioral, physiological, neurobiological characteristics and mechanisms of sleep in various species
- b) summarize the evolution of sleep and critically discuss the potential functions of sleep
- c) identify factors that affect sleep quality
- e) apply methods to quantify sleep parameters and quality in humans
5. describe and discuss the nature of sleep disorders and their treatments.

Text: The required readings for the course consist of review articles and book chapters selected to complement the topics covered in the lectures. They are available on the Psyc 360 onQ web site.

Assessments:	Final exam:	40%
	Lab Projects:	60%

Final exam: The exam will consist of short-answer and essay-type questions. Material from lectures, all laboratory sessions, and the required readings will be examined.

Laboratory Projects:

1. Completion of sleep diary and written laboratory report: *"Factors influencing sleep quality in adults"*. (25%)
2. Overnight sleep EEG recordings and construction of a sleep hypnogram; done in groups of 2-3 students. (15%)
3. *Sleep Myths: Are current and popular conceptions about sleep more fact or fiction?* Independent research project to critically evaluate a common idea, hypothesis, or widely accepted notion regarding sleep. You will present the results of your research to the class. (20%)

Details regarding the laboratories will be provided in the lab manual for each project.

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS

Date	Topic
SECTION I:	INTRODUCTION TO SLEEP
Sep. 13	Course introduction
Sep. 20	History of sleep research and sleep medicine
Sep. 27	Sleep physiology
SECTION II:	THE NEUROBIOLOGICAL BASIS OF SLEEP
Oct. 4	Neurobiology of waking and slow wave sleep
Oct. 11	The phenomenon of REM sleep I: Neurobiology
Oct. 18	The phenomenon of REM sleep II: Dreaming
SECTION III:	FUNCTION OF SLEEP
Oct. 25	Evolution and comparative aspects of sleep
Nov. 1	Sleep and learning/memory
Nov. 8	Sleep and synaptic plasticity
Nov. 15	Sleep as homeostatic mechanism
SECTION IV:	SLEEP LOSS AND SLEEP DISORDERS
Nov. 22	Sleep disorders and their treatments
Nov. 29	Sleep quality and sleep loss: cognitive implications
Dec.	FINAL EXAM: DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED BY EXAMS OFFICE

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