

**Psychology 360*:
The Psychology of Sleep
Winter Term 2018**

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Labs: Time: Tuesday, 8:30 to 10 am
Tuesday, 11:30 - 1 pm
Tuesday, 2:30 - 4 pm
Wednesday, 8:30 - 10 am
Room: Craine 420

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. Note that attendance in all scheduled labs is mandatory and will contribute to the participation mark for each lab component.

SCHEDULE OF LECTURES AND TOPICS

Date	Topic
SECTION I: INTRODUCTION TO SLEEP	
Jan. 8	Course introduction
Jan. 15	History of sleep research and sleep medicine
Jan. 22	Sleep physiology
SECTION II: THE NEUROBIOLOGICAL BASIS OF SLEEP	
Jan. 29	Neurobiology of waking and slow wave sleep
Feb. 5	The phenomenon of REM sleep I: Neurobiology
Feb. 12	The phenomenon of REM sleep II: Dreaming
Feb. 19-25:	READING WEEK
SECTION III: FUNCTION OF SLEEP	
Feb. 26	Evolution and comparative aspects of sleep
Mar. 5	Sleep and learning/memory
Mar. 12	Sleep and synaptic plasticity
Mar. 19	Sleep as homeostatic mechanism
SECTION IV: SLEEP LOSS AND SLEEP DISORDERS	
Mar. 26	Sleep disorders and their treatments
Apr. 2	Easter Monday; No Class
Apr.	FINAL EXAM: DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED BY EXAMS OFFICE

SCHEDULE OF LABS and LAB ASSIGNMENTS

Week 1	Jan. 9/10:	no lab
Week 2	Jan. 16/17:	hand out and discuss sleep diary
Week 3	Jan. 23/24:	no lab; due date (either Jan. 23 or 24, depending in your lab section) for sleep diary, 4 pm*;
	Jan. 26:	due date to sign up for EEG overnight lab, 4 pm*
Week 4	Jan 30/31:	hand out sleep diary data; discuss lab report;
		due date for "Sleep Myth" proposal*
	all week:	EEG sleep labs
Week 5	Feb. 6/7:	no lab
	all week:	EEG sleep labs
Week 6	Feb. 13/14:	Workshop: "Effective Presentation Techniques"
	Feb. 16:	lab report due, 4 pm*
	all week:	EEG sleep labs
Week 7	Feb. 27/28:	no lab
	all week:	EEG sleep labs
Week 8	Mar. 6/7:	Sleep Myth #1" presentations during lab sessions
	all week:	EEG sleep labs
Week 9	Mar. 13/14:	Sleep Myth #2" presentations during lab sessions
	all week:	EEG sleep labs
Week 10	Mar. 20/21:	no lab
	all week:	EEG sleep labs
Week 11	Mar. 27/28:	"Sleep Myth #3" presentations during lab sessions
	all week:	EEG sleep labs
Week 12	Apr. 3/4:	"Sleep Myth #4" presentations during lab sessions

***Policy on deadlines and late submissions:**

All late submissions will be penalized (5% deduction from the grade for the affected lab project for each day late; this applies to the completed lab project, but also the deadlines for signing up or submitting proposals. For lab projects with multiple deadlines, separate penalties will be added up and deducted from the final project grade). Projects, proposals, or sign-ups that occur between 1 min to 24 hours after the stated deadline are considered 1 day late; submissions received from 24 hours and 1 min to 48 hours late are considered 2 days late; etc.

Lab Attendance:

Attendance in all scheduled labs is mandatory and will contribute to the participation mark for each lab component. Details are found in the Lab Manual for each, specific lab component.

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Web-based academic resources: <http://www.asus.queensu.ca/acsfacts>

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PSYCHOLOGY 360:
The Psychology and Neuroscience of Sleep

LAB MANUAL

Winter Term 2018

Lab #1: Sleep Diary and Lab Report

Lab Report Writing: in Psychology 360

There are several approaches to organizing the content and style of reports of scientific data. The following are some suggestions that you may want to pay special attention to, seeing as they have been written by your TAs who will be marking your assignments.

Structural Requirements

The report **should not exceed 10 double-spaced typed pages in length**, but this page limit does not include the abstract, figures, tables, and references. All citations and references must be written in **APA format (6th edition)**. Please include a running head and short title along with the page number. Figures and tables, if required, should be located at the end of the paper after the references.

Content Organization

Your paper should include the following sections in the following order: Title Page, Abstract, Introduction, Method, Results, Discussion, References, Tables and Figures. Label the sections as such. Subheadings may be used in the Methods sections covering information such as Animals, Surgery, Testing Procedure, Statistics, or anything else you deem appropriate. Subheadings may also be used for the Results and Discussion sections, though much more sparingly. We encourage you to refer to the methods sections of published journals to determine what information should be included in your paper.

Style Suggestions

Be concise. Superfluous information will be frowned upon with **haughty derision**.

For your reading audience, assume a general knowledge of the brain, behaviour, cognition, and sleep, as well as the basic methodologies used to investigate them. Terms such as “standard procedures” are insufficient to describe your experimental methods, while

excessive detail (e.g., repeating every question of the sleep diary) are too detailed for this report.

The Introduction should be constructed such that general issues and problems relating to the experiment lead into more specific ones, ending into the scientific questions that require attention. This should be followed by a clear statement of purpose for the present study. The introduction should end with experimental hypotheses addressing the questions raised in the preceding paragraphs.

When stating “facts” in the introduction, **always** reference your sources. You do not need to cite very general statement. If you are unsure about whether or not a citation is needed, it probably is (feel free to ask your TAs). Try to avoid quoting directly from a published source, but rather paraphrase the ideas and findings in your own words. Similarly, avoid verbatim extraction of anything in this booklet, such as descriptions of experimental methods.

The methods section should be an entirely fact-based description of the procedure you followed, the subjects and materials you used, and the analysis of the data you carried out. By convention, the methods are written in the **past tense**. Be sure to take notes of all procedure details in labs.

The results section is purely factual, consisting of the findings (and statistical significance) from every experimental procedure and/or analysis described in the methods. This section **should not** include any interpretations of the results. Illustration through figures can make the results more meaningful for the reader, and figures are almost invariably preferable to tables. At the end of the results section, the reader should be able to interpret your findings, without referencing your discussion section.

The discussion section is the section in which you demonstrate your understanding of the purpose for the study, the results obtained, how they relate to the hypotheses, and the possible implications your results have to other studies or to the field in general. This section will be scrutinised most heavily by your reader. Statements of interpretation of your results should always be worded tentatively (e.g., “These results **suggest/imply** that sleep duration is decreased by....” **not** “These results **prove/claim/show....**”). Alternative explanations of the results and limitations of the study can also be provided in this section. You should also include

future directions for research throughout the discussion, especially near the final paragraphs. The paper should conclude with a summary of your findings and a reiteration of your “take-home message”.

All figures and tables should include brief captions describing their content. Figures should be simple and illustrate no more than one or a few major points. The figures and tables should be placed at the end of the report, after the references section.

Some Resources:

<http://www.sleepfoundation.org/primary-links/how-sleep-worksMethods>

<http://www.mayoclinic.org/sleep/art-20048379>

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v498/n7455/pdf/498427a.pdf>

<http://news.discovery.com/human/health/could-we-get-by-without-sleep-130703.htm>

<http://news.discovery.com/human/health/sleep-loss-deprivation-health-effect-20130624.htm>

<http://sleep.stanford.edu>

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn24002-poor-sleep-makes-food-more-appealing.html>

You are also expected to find other, current articles or resources related to this topic.

Written Assignment Marking Scheme

Abstract: /5

Is the abstract the correct length (maximal 250 words; 1 point)?

Does it summarize the basic methods, purpose, results, and conclusions (1 point each) effectively?

Introduction: /15

Is the background literature reviewed thoroughly (with *at least 10* different citations) (10 points)?

Is there a good rationale for why you are doing the current experiment? (3 points)

Are the hypotheses and predictions clearly outlined? (2 points)

Methods: /20

Are the subjects (2 points), materials (2 points), and procedures (8 points) and data analyses (8 points) clearly and completely described?

Results: /15

Did you use an appropriate statistical test describe the statistics clearly? (5 points)

Are the results presented clearly, and do they follow logically from your figures? (10 points)

Discussion: /20

Did you link your findings with the current research and with your predictions?

Did you include interpretations of the results?

Did you suggest limitations of the current study and future directions?

Did you discuss the implications of the results? (5 points each)

References: /5

Are all references in the list in the text and vice versa?

Are all references and citations in APA (edition 6) format?

(-0.5 point for each error)

Figures and Tables: /5

Are all figures clearly constructed and do they show the effects found in the study?
 Are all figures and tables in APA format (including captions, titles, etc.)

Handed in on time? Yes/No

Attitude/lab Participation: /5

You are required to attend and participate in labs,
 Were you consistently late? Did you demonstrate a positive attitude in the lab?

APA Style: /10

Title, running head, page #s, subtitles, citations.

Extra comments:

Total /100

Lab #3: Sleep Myth Presentation

Goal: The goal of this lab is to critically examine a common assumption or belief (“myth”) about sleep, factors that influence sleep, or the functions of sleep. The validity of the “myth” is critically assessed by identifying and presenting one or two empirical studies/research articles that test the hypothesis contained in the myth.

Background: There are numerous ideas and beliefs about sleep and its functions. We are familiar with many of them (e.g., “warm milk makes you sleepy”; “a power-nap improves performance at the workplace”; “screen time before bed interferes with sleep”). Identify one sleep myth that is of interest to you (use books, movies, news outlets, your friends, other sources) for ideas. Be creative and try to find something a bit unusual if you can!

The Sleep Myth and Relevant Research: Formalize the myth in a brief statement (see examples above) and find one or two research articles that describe experiments to assess the hypothesis contained in the sleep myth. Submit the sleep myth statement and citations to the article(s) to your TA by the stated deadline (posted in the Lab Schedule). Read the articles and familiarize yourself with the general background, specific methodology used in these studies, the results, and the implications and conclusions. Do the results of the study support or contradict the “sleep myth”? What conclusions can we draw from the study about the specific sleep myth, and perhaps sleep more generally?

The In-Class Presentation: Finally, present your myth and the studies you have reviewed to the class. A slideshow presentation (e.g., PowerPoint, Keynote) is expected; however other multimedia can be used as well (if you wish to use something else or additional media, please contact your TA at least one week prior to your presentation date). The presentation should provide a clear statement

of the sleep myth and a brief introduction/background of the myth. Then present the relevant studies, with an emphasis on the methodology and results. Finally, present your conclusions drawn from the studies; does the experimental evidence support or contradict the sleep myth. Are there any important implications and recommendations that you can make? Do not just repeated what the authors' of your studies conclude and recommend; come up with some of your own ideas and conclusions!

The presentation should be no longer than 15 min, followed by 5 min. of questions/discussion.

Some things to consider for effective talks:

- longer is not always better: keep the talk short and concise
- more is not always better: cramming too much information into a talk will overwhelm and confuse your audience
- ask yourself: what information is important and necessary for my audience to understand the studies; leave out information that is not of primary importance
- how do I get my audience interested in my talk? how can I engage my audience?
- for slides, text is often less effective than graphs and images
- have fun with your talk; your audience will enjoy your talk a lot more if they feel that you enjoy giving it!

Attendance and Participation: Attendance during all presentation sessions is mandatory. Participate in the labs by asking questions, voicing your opinion, or providing ideas and insights into the various topics. Attendance and participation both contribute to the overall mark for this lab (see below) and enhance the learning experience by facilitating active discussions of course material.

Marking Breakdown:

Presentation Style /10

- Was the presenter easy to understand, clear and engaging?

Content /20

- Background review/review of myth
- Review of studies chosen
(explain the rationale, methods, results)
- Discuss results and what they mean for your myth, critical evaluation
(demonstrate your own understanding of the literature)

Use of Audio/Video Materials /5

- Were presentation materials used effectively and clearly?

Question/Answer /5

- Was the student able to answer questions?
(demonstrate some knowledge and critical thinking)

Regular lab attendance and participation /10

- (determined after the end of all talks/labs)

LAB MARK /50