

# PSY480H5F

**Hearing: Developmental Changes and Effects of Auditory Disorders on Everyday Life –  
Special Topics in Perception**

**Tuesday 1:00pm – 4:00pm**

**Room Location: NE 3160**

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## Communication

Please check the information posted on the course website BEFORE sending email to the instructor; email should only be used to request information that has not already been posted. Responses to email will take the form of announcements on the course website if the response involves information that would be useful to other students in the course.

Limited office hours will be provided for students to discuss their work with the TAs in person or by Skype.

Only email sent from utoronto accounts will be read by the instructor or TA.  
All email should include “PSY480” in the subject header or it may not be read.

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## Course Description

Sound waves arriving at our ears convey information about the presence, location, and identity of sound sources in our environment, including speech and music. PSY 480 explores how the human auditory system enables the performance of listening activities in everyday life. The course combines elements of neuroscience, perception and cognition, as well as social and health psychology related to the abilities and experiences of people who have hearing disorders. The introduction provides a rationale for the approach taken in the course and how it relates to other fields in psychology and health – issues that will be re-visited in the final week of the course. The first part of the course focuses on the acoustics of the signal received by the peripheral auditory system, how acoustical input is transduced and encoded in the peripheral auditory system, and how hearing is tested in routine clinical circumstances. Hands-on lab exercises will be used to demonstrate various tests. Later in the course, complex signal processing, namely speech perception and listening comprehension in realistic situations, is explored and central auditory processes are discussed in relation to naturalistic listening demands. The nature of auditory pathologies at different sites in the pathway and some common causes of hearing loss will be introduced and related to problems listening in everyday life. Special issues for infant and elderly listeners and listeners who are hard-of-hearing will be discussed in terms of possible clinical and ecological rehabilitative solutions. This course is especially useful for students who wish to apply for graduate training in speech-language pathology or audiology or other health and human services professions. It is also useful for students interested in graduate training in perception, cognition, and neuroscience.

**OBJECTIVES: As a student in PSY 480, you will:**

1. Consolidate foundational knowledge of acoustics and audition learned in prior courses.
2. Understand the relationship between auditory anatomy/physiology and listening behaviour.
3. Understand the consequences of impairments on everyday activity and participation.
4. Become familiar with basic clinical tests and approaches to hearing loss.
5. Learn about traditional methods and current topics in hearing research.
6. Situate hearing in the broader context of Psychology.
7. Situate auditory health in a broader model of health.
8. Gain insight into whether or not you may be interested in a career related to hearing health.

**FORMAT:** Most weeks there will be a two-hour lecture/seminar and a one-hour lab-type session. The textbook(s) will support information covered in class, but it will not be possible to succeed in the course without regular attendance in class because the content presented in class is highly customized. There will be two short tests in class. You will write a short essay based on a case study of your choice to demonstrate knowledge of the material covered in the course. Participation in class discussion will be expected and students should feel free to raise questions or issues of interest.

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**Reading Material****Recommended General Audiology Textbook (copies should be available in the library or second hand):**

- Martin, F.N., & Clark, J.G. (2015). *Introduction to Audiology* (12<sup>th</sup> Ed). Pearson (ISBN 978-0-13-349146-3)

**Recommended Textbooks (second hand copies may be available):**

- Excellent for students with interests in neuroscience:  
Moller, A. (2006). *Hearing: Anatomy, physiology, and disorders of the auditory system*. Academic Press.
- Excellent for students with interests in perception:  
Yost, W. (2006). *Fundamentals of Hearing: An Introduction* (5th edition). Academic Press.  
Moore, B.C.J. (2003). *An Introduction to the Psychology of Hearing* (5<sup>th</sup> edition). Academic Press.

**Supplemental Readings:** Readings on specific topics will be listed throughout the term on the course website. Readings will depend somewhat on the background and particular interests of students and the readings they select for seminars.

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**Course Evaluation**

Test 1	10 marks
Test 2	10 marks
Assignments	40 (8 x 5) marks
Presentation	15 marks
Essay	15 marks
Weekly Participation	10 marks

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**Submitting Work**

Assignment instructions will be posted on Quercus. Term work must be submitted by the time and using the method specified on the assignments. You will submit the assignments electronically using UTORSubmit (<https://submit.utm.utoronto.ca/utorsubmit/>) so that the date and time of submission can be recorded in UTORSubmit. Please see the resource document posted on the course website for specific information about how to use UTORSubmit and how to trouble-shoot typical problems (e.g., use of illegal characters in filenames). You are expected to verify that you have uploaded the correct document and that the upload was successful. If you wish to receive written comments on your assignment then in addition to your electronic submission you must also give the instructor a hardcopy in class on or before the due date.

In the event of a problem with UTORSubmit, you may email your assignment to the Instructor (**NOT** the TA) in order to avoid late penalties, but you are still expected to submit an electronic version on UTORSubmit as soon as possible. If you

encounter more general computer problems, you must hand in a hardcopy of the assignment to the Instructor during class on the due date, but an electronic copy must also be provided as soon as possible in any case. You are NOT encouraged to leave your assignment at the PUMP room, so this option for submitting work should only be used if you are unable to come to class and there is a computer problem; if you deliver an assignment to the PUMP room then you must send an email to the instructor as soon as possible informing them that you have done so and providing the reason for why it was not handed in during class or online.

Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to Turnitin.com for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site.

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### Course Webpage

The website associated with this course is accessible via <http://q.utoronto.ca>

**Note:** You don't need to create a new login for Quercus; it already knows who you are. You just need your UTORid and password. This is the same login that gets you onto the wireless network with your laptop, and the same one that you use to check your email. If you're confused about your UTORid or don't remember your password, go to:

<https://www.utorid.utoronto.ca/>

In order to access course material, monitor course information, and view your grades you must log into Quercus. If you have any general questions regarding Quercus, please visit the following help site:

<https://q.utoronto.ca/courses/46670/pages/student-quercus-guide>

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### IMPORTANT COURSE POLICIES \*\*PLEASE READ CAREFULLY\*\*

#### Missed Test Special Consideration Request Process

Students who miss a test due to circumstances beyond their control (e.g., illness or an accident) can request that the Department grant them special consideration. Students must present their case to the Department (NOT the Instructor) by submitting a request via the online Special Consideration Request form at:

<https://utmapp.utm.utoronto.ca/SpecialRequest>.

Students are to submit original supporting documentation (e.g., medical certificates, verification of extenuating circumstances form, etc.) to the Psychology Academic Counselor or drop it in the drop box located outside the Psychology office, Deerfield Hall, 4th Floor. Students have up-to one week from the date of the missed test to submit request. Late submissions will NOT be considered without a letter of explanation specifying and documenting the reasons for the lateness.

Medical certificates or physician's notes must be completed by the Physician and MUST include the statement "This student [name] was unable to write the test on [date(s)] for medical reasons". This documentation must show that the physician was consulted within one the day of the missed term test. A statement merely acknowledging a report of illness made by the student to the physician is NOT acceptable. For further information on this procedure please see:

<http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/psychology/undergraduate-studies/missed-testslate-submissions>

If you missed your test/assignment deadline for a reason connected to your registered disability, please be advised that the department will accept documentation supplied by the UTM AccessAbility Resource Centre.

**IMPORTANT:** The Department of Psychology verifies the authenticity of medical certificates by contacting medical offices. Students are NOT to make any changes or alteration to completed medical certificates. Students who submit forged or altered documentation are subject to severe academic penalties.

**If your request is approved by the department, a make-up test will be offered. You will receive an email when a make-up date has been arranged. The department will try to give notice of make-up date 2-3 days in advance; however, this is sometimes not possible. Be prepared for the make-up.**

## **Extension of Time Special Consideration Request Process**

Students who seek to be granted more time to complete their term work beyond the due date without penalty, owing to circumstances beyond their control (e.g., illness, or an accident), must do so by submitting a request directly to the Instructor for the period up to and including the last day of the term. The decision as to whether or not to apply a penalty for the specified period rests with the Instructor.

Students who seek to be granted more time to complete term work beyond the last day of the term must submit their request directly to the Department. This request covers the period following the last day of classes and ends the last day of the exam period. This is done by submitting a request via the online Special Consideration Request form at <https://utmapp.utm.utoronto.ca/SpecialRequest>. **You are advised to seek advising by the departmental Undergraduate Counsellor prior to the deadline.**

Original supporting documentation (e.g., medical certificates, accident reports, etc.) must be submitted to the Psychology Academic Counselor or dropped off in the drop box located outside the Psychology office Deerfield Hall, 4th Floor. Students are expected to submit requests to the Department before the last day of the term, unless demonstrably serious reasons prevent them from doing so. In the event of an illness, medical certificates or doctor's notes must confirm that student was ill on the due date of the assignment (for a one-day extension). For a longer extension, documentation must specify the full duration during which academic work could not be carried out.

For extensions of time beyond the examination period you must submit a petition through the Office of the Registrar. <http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/registrar/current-students/petitions>

## **Penalties for Lateness**

A penalty of 10% per calendar day (i.e., including week-ends and holidays, during which students are not able to submit term work) up to and including the last day of classes, will be applied by the Instructor. After the last day of classes, the penalty of 10% per calendar day will be applied by the Undergraduate Counsellor on behalf of the Department. No penalty will be assigned if request for special consideration, described above, was successful.

## **Academic Guidelines**

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have met all prerequisites listed in the UTM Calendar for this course. If you lack any prerequisites you **WILL BE REMOVED** from the course up until the last day to add a course. Further information about academic regulations, course withdrawal dates and credits can be found in the University of Toronto Mississauga Calendar at: <http://www.erin.utoronto.ca/regcal/>.

You are encouraged to read this material. If you run into trouble and need advice about studying, preparing for exams, note taking or time management, free workshops and advice are available from the Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre at 905-828-5406.

## **AccessAbility Services**

Students requiring academic accommodations for learning, physical, sensory, or mental health disabilities or medical conditions should contact the AccessAbility Office (2037B Davis Building), 905-828-3847. <http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/accessability/>

## **Academic Honesty and Plagiarism**

Honesty and fairness are considered fundamental to the university's mission, and, as a result, all those who violate those principles are dealt with as if they were damaging the integrity of the university itself. When students are suspected of cheating or a similar academic offence, they are typically surprised at how formally and seriously the matter is dealt with

-- and how severe the consequences can be if it is determined that cheating did occur. The University of Toronto treats cases of cheating and plagiarism very seriously. Please take the time to review the Academic Integrity website: <http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/academic-integrity/students>.

- Common trends in academic offences:
- Plagiarizing/concocted references
- Collaboration/unauthorized assistance
- Purchasing work
- Recycling work - "double-dipping"
- Resubmitting of altered work for re-grading
- Electronic devices (cell phones) or any unauthorized aids
- Altering medical certificates and UofT documents

From the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters: "It shall be an offence for a student to knowingly: represent as one's own any idea or expression of an idea or work of another in any academic examination or term test or in connection with any other form of academic work, i.e. to commit plagiarism. Wherever in the Code an offence is described as depending on "knowing", the offence shall likewise be deemed to have been committed if the person ought reasonably to have known." All students must refer to this website to obtain information on what constitutes plagiarism.

<http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/using-sources/how-not-to-plagiarize>.

If questions arise after reading the material on the website, consult your instructor.

**Plagiarism will not be tolerated.**

## Academic Rights

You, as a student at UTM, have the right to:

- Receive a syllabus by the first day of class.
- Rely upon a syllabus once a course is started. An instructor may only change marks' assignments by following the University Assessment and Grading Practices Policy provision 1.3.
- Refuse to use turnitin.com (you must be offered an alternative form of submission).
- Have access to your instructor for consultation during a course or follow up with the department chair if the instructor is unavailable.
- Ask the person who marked your term work for a re-evaluation if you feel it was not fairly graded. You have up to one month from the date of return of the item to inquire about the mark. If you are not satisfied with a re-evaluation, you may appeal to the instructor in charge of the course if the instructor did not mark the work. If your work is remarked, you must accept the resulting mark. You may only appeal a mark beyond the instructor if the term work was worth at least 20% of the course mark.
- Receive at least one significant mark (15% for H courses, 25% for Y courses) before the last day you can drop a course for H courses, and the last day of classes in the first week of January for Y courses taught in the Fall/Winter terms.
- Submit handwritten essays so long as they are neatly written.
- Have no assignment worth 100% of your final grade.
- Not have a term test worth 25% or more in the last two weeks of class.
- Retain intellectual property rights to your research.
- Receive all your assignments once graded.
- View your final exams. To see a final exam, you must submit an online Exam Reproduction Request within 6 months of the exam. There is a small non-refundable fee.
- Privacy of your final grades.
- Arrange for representation from Downtown Legal Services (DLS), a representative from the UTM Students' Union (UTMSU), and/or other forms of support if you are charged with an academic offence.

## Equity Statement

The University of Toronto is committed to equity and respect for diversity. All members of the learning environment in this course should strive to create an atmosphere of mutual respect. As a course instructor, I will neither condone nor tolerate behaviour that undermines the dignity or self-esteem of any individual in this course and wish to be alerted to any attempt to create an intimidating or hostile environment. It is our collective responsibility to create a space that is inclusive and welcomes discussion. Discrimination, harassment and hate speech will not be tolerated. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns you may contact the UTM Equity and Diversity officer at [edo.utm@utoronto.ca](mailto:edo.utm@utoronto.ca) or the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union Vice President Equity at [vpequity@utmsu.ca](mailto:vpequity@utmsu.ca).

## IMPORTANT DATES

Classes Begin	September 6, 2018
Thanksgiving	October 8, 2018    University Closed/ No Classes
Fall Reading Week	October 9-12    University Open/No Classes
<b>Last day to drop without academic penalty</b>	<b>November 8, 2018</b>
<b>Classes end</b>	<b>December 5, 2018</b>
Study Period	December 6-7, 2018
Examination Period	December 8-20, 2018

## Course Outline

*Please note that this outline is subject to change depending on the needs of the class (we may need additional time to cover a topic). Any changes to the syllabus will be announced one week before.*

WK	DATE	TOPIC	RESOURCE	ASSIGNMENT	DUE
1	Sept 11	Introduction; WHO ICF; Soundscape	<a href="http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/training/icfbeginnersguide.pdf">http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/training/icfbeginnersguide.pdf</a> ; <a href="http://www.sfu.ca/~truax/wsp.html">http://www.sfu.ca/~truax/wsp.html</a> Noble	1. A Day in a Listener's Life (on your own)	S 25
2	Sept 18	Acoustics; External Ear; HRTFs	M&C chap 2, 3, 9; Hartman	2. Soundscape (on your own)	S 25
3	Sept 25	Middle Ear and Outer Ear Pathologies	M&C chap 7, 9, 10	3. Immittance lab in class	O 2
4	Oct 2	Inner Ear & Neural Coding	M&C chap 11, 12	Instructions about presentations given	N 13/20
<b>READING WEEK</b>					
5	Oct 16	<b>TEST 1</b>	M&C chap 4	4. Audiometry lab (CC 4140)	O 23
6	Oct 23	Speech production		5. Speech analysis lab (location TBD)	N 6
7	Oct 30	Speech perception	<a href="http://www.fon.hum.uva.nl/praat/">http://www.fon.hum.uva.nl/praat/</a> Greenberg	Essay instructions given	D 4
8	Nov 6	Noise-induced hearing loss	M&C chap 11, 12	6. Ear protection lab (CC 4140)	N 13
9	Nov 13	Auditory & cognitive aging <b>PRESENTATION</b>	M&C chap 5 Mills et al., 2006 Pichora-Fuller et al., 2017	7. Speech in noise lab (CC 4140)	N 20
10	Nov 20	Infant and childhood hearing loss <b>PRESENTATION</b>	M&C chap 7, 8 <a href="http://www.icih.org/">http://www.icih.org/</a>	8. Hearing loss and life (on your own)	N 27
11	Nov 27	<b>TEST 2</b> Hearing technologies	M&C chap 14		
12	Dec 4	Social and health links	M&C chap 15 Davis et al., 2016 Pichora-Fuller & Jamieson, 2012 Pichora-Fuller et al., 2015		

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