THE PSYCHOLOGY
Subject Pool Research Requirement
* SUMMER SESSIONS 2017 *

As a student in this class, you are required to take part in research experiments over the course of the semester (or you are earning extra credit). Below is all the information you need to do this.
You will need to read this IN FULL to meet the requirements for this class.

Psychology as a science relies on research experiments. As a student in this class, you will get the opportunity to take part in some of these experiments as research participants in the Subject Pool. Your experience should be educational. The goal is for you to learn in general about what research is like, and you should also learn a little about the experimental hypothesis, design and methods of each experiment in which you participate.

How many experiments do I need to do? Students in Intro Psychology (PSY 103) must earn 5 credits. All other courses: check with your instructor. Short experiments (30 minutes or less) will earn you a ½ credit, while longer experiments will offer 1 credit or more. The general policy is for experiments to earn you a ½ credit for every 30 minutes of participation.

Must I create an on-line account? Yes, you set up appointments and receive credits on Sona Systems.

If I’m in more than one PSY course, do I have to fulfill separate requirements? No. In Summer, if both of your courses require research, you can “double count” your credits across classes. Credits do not carry over from summer term 1 to summer term 2.

What happens if I don’t meet the requirement? Psych 103 students: your grade will be affected by a 1/3 of a grade (ex. A- to B+). Non-PSY 103 students: Check with your instructor about his/her grading policy.

DEADLINES:
Summer Session I: THE LAST DAY TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY STUDIES IS Thursday, July 6.
Summer Session II: THE LAST DAY TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY STUDIES IS Thursday, August 17.

How do I check I got credit? Click “My Credits/Schedule” online to see an itemized list of each credit you have been awarded. (Give the experimenter a few days to issue the credit.)

You can leave the experiment at any time. It is your right to leave the experiment at any time if you do not feel comfortable. However, it is the discretion of the experimenter to award you credits based on the amount of work you have completed. Questions should be directed to the Subject Pool Coordinator.

Don’t wait until the end of the semester to do your research participation because there will NOT be enough experiments available for you to meet your requirement. It ends up being a competition among students, and very chaotic!

-----

How to create an account: Go to http://sunysb.sona-systems.com/

1. Click ‘Register for an account” in the lower left corner to create an account if you do not already have one.
2. Your login/password will be emailed to your email address.
3. LOG IN using that login info to make experiment appointments.
4. You will receive automatic email confirmations of your appointments (or any cancellations).

Questions? psychsp@stonybrook.edu or 632-7027

Once you have your account created you can also choose to download the mobile app for your Apple or Android device by searching for "Sona Mobile" in the App Store or Google Play Store.
Rules for attending experiments:

* **IF YOU MUST CANCEL**: You must cancel 24 hours in advance!

DO NOT EMAIL The Coordinator/Webmaster! – **Cancel on the website** 24 hours in advance. If you do not cancel 24 hours in advance, **you will be penalized one credit**. This means you will have to earn one additional research credit. For example, if you fail to show up to your first experiment, you would now have to complete a total of 6 credit hours instead of 5.

* **PENALTIES**: If you fail to show up for an appointment, you will receive a penalty point (a negative credit), even if you are participating for extra credit or signed up to receive cash instead of credit for participating. Since a penalty will decrease your balance by 1 point, you will have to earn one additional research credit for every penalty you receive. Any student who accrues 4 or more unexcused no-shows (penalties) will be **banned from using Sona Systems for the remainder of the semester**.

* **Read the CRITERIA for each experiment**: Sign-up only for experiments for which you meet the specified requirements (i.e. smokers only, native speakers, etc.) This is important. If you sign up for an experiment which you do not fit the specified criteria for, you will not receive the credit, even if you show up.

--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

* **Psychology A vs. Psychology B**: The same room numbers exist in both buildings. Know the difference between Psych “A” and “B”. Know your experiment title and room number. (If you can’t find a room ask someone, or go to room 154B.)

-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

* **If the experimenter is not there**, wait at least 5 minutes. DOUBLE CHECK that you are in the right place (i.e. Psych “A” or “B”). You can go to the Coordinator/154 Psych B for help.

* **If the experimenter did not show**, (and did not notify you 24 hours in advance via e-mail), you are entitled to one credit. (For sessions worth 2 credits, you will not earn all the credits, only 1---plan ahead for this at the end of the semester!)

You should notify the Subject Pool Coordinator immediately (during the appointment!) so we know that the experimenter did not show. If the Coordinator is out of the office, leave a note with: name, email, ID, experiment title, date/time of appt.

Minors (students under 18 years old) and Non-native English speakers:

In compliance with a 1998 decision by the Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects (CORIHS): If you are a full-time college student UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS, you must participate only in studies that are specifically approved for the use of minors. Experiment listings will state whether or not it is approved for minors.

What if I don’t meet the criteria, or if I don’t want to participate?

There will be **alternatives** available. These are mainly for minors and non-native English speakers, or those who do not wish to participate in regular experiments. Instead of participating as a subject in research, participants will read an article on an area of psychological research, and take a 10-question quiz on that article. You can sign up for these options on Sona Systems or arrange a time with the Subject Pool Coordinator (Contact info below). They will be clearly labeled as “Alternative”. **NO alternatives will be run during the last 5 days of class.** If you require alternatives, you must complete them before the last week of class.

Have a good semester!

Subject Pool Coordinator Contact Info:
Cindy Forman  Psychology B, Room 173  631-632-7027
psychsp@stonybrook.edu

[PLEASE CONTACT EXPERIMENTERS DIRECTLY REGARDING INDIVIDUAL APPT’S, ETC]