

Research Participation Guidelines - *Mind and Brain (PSY 201-Fall'11)*

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Research experience requirement: (9% of total grade)

An important part of the introduction to psychology is the understanding of how research is conducted and I believe that the best way for you to gain valuable perspective on this is through participating in research as a subject and experiencing firsthand, some of the high quality psychology research being conducted at the University of Oregon. Psychology and Linguistics researchers run many experiments on varied topics (e.g., psychological coping, attention, memory, social interaction, etc.) that you may participate in through the term.

To participate in experiments, you will need to sign up on an electronic bulletin board at: <http://uopsych.sona-systems.com>. When you sign up for the first time, there will be an option for you to request a username and password. Once logged in, you will find a list of studies that are available to you, as well as when and where these studies take place (a few can be completed online). After participating in a study, you will be electronically credited for the time allotted for that study. **You need to complete 4.5 hours (not necessarily the same thing as 4.5 studies!) of experimental credit. Studies range in length from ½ hour to 2 hours or longer. One hour of research participation = 1 credit = 2% of your final grade.**

More details about participating in research studies will be provided in class, posted on Blackboard and you can read more at: <http://www.uoregon.edu/~hscoord/hs-students.html>. If you encounter any technical problems while trying to complete this assignment on the web (either signing up for experiments or completing the RERs), please contact the human subjects coordinator via e-mail (hscoord@uoregon.edu). You can also find more information in the *HSintro* presentation on blackboard in the course documents section.

IMPORTANT PARTICIPATION ISSUE: *Note that if you fail to show up to TWO studies without good reason, you will not be allowed to participate in further studies to meet your Research Participation requirement, and will, instead, be forced to complete the alternate assignment to meet your Research Participation requirement and to receive a grade for the course.*

Alternate assignment: For ethical reasons, the university and I neither can force you to participate in research studies, nor would we wish for you to be uncomfortable participating in studies. Also, participants in the human subject pool need to be 18 yrs or older. For these reasons, there is an alternative assignment that you can choose to do instead. The alternate assignment requires you to spend equivalent time in reading and summarizing empirical psychology research. This will involve signing up in advance for pre-scheduled 2-hour timeslots with your GTF, following which you will come to the Psychology Department to read psychology research articles and write an essay about them. There is also a ½ hour tutorial you can complete, so that doing two of the article reading sessions plus the tutorial will equal the same 4.5 hours of time as participating in studies. For more details about completing this alternative, please contact your GTF.

All students must complete the research requirement to get a grade in the course. If you do not complete the requirement, you will receive an incomplete in the course until you do. If you do not complete the requirement within a year, the incomplete will be changed to a failing grade in the course, as required by the university registrar. *To avoid an incomplete, please begin early in the term with the experiments.* Two of the 4.5 hours of the research requirement must be completed by midnight on **Friday of week 5**. The other 2.5 hours must be completed by midnight, **Friday of week 10**. **PLAN AHEAD:** To complete the research requirement, you must schedule your hours in advance. *Please be aware that scheduling your participation also depends on the number of studies available at different times during the term.* A failure to schedule timeslots for completing the research requirement in time for both the Oct. 28 and Dec. 2 deadlines will result in a permanent loss of the points in the course. **In the past, students who began late have often encountered scheduling problems and have been unable to complete participation.**

If you find yourself needing to do a **combination** of the 2 options, **you must meet with me to obtain permission.** Failure to fulfill the research requirement will result in an **"Incomplete"** grade for this class. In order to have this Incomplete changed to the grade you earned in class, the missing experiments have to be completed **within one year** of the end of this class. After that time, incomplete grades will be changed to no pass.