Research Requirement

Research participation gives you an understanding of the methods used by psychologists, and allows you a first-hand look at psychological research.

By serving as a participant, you also contribute to advancing the understanding of human behavior. Many of the studies in which you participate may be published in psychological journals and books.
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• Participate in 2 experiments

• How?
  – Sign up for Experiments or do an Alternative Assignment
  – Visit: wpi.sona-systems to create a log-in and sign up

• Grade:
  – Final grade penalized 1% point for each experiment credit not completed
  – Complete by Last Day of Class!
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Signing Up For Studies:

• Go to http://wpi.sona-systems.com
• Click on “Request an account here” on the left side of the page
• Complete the registration form, including selecting this course as the course you need for credit
• Sona Systems will send an email to you with log in information including a username and password.
  – Click on the link provided and enter your user name and password.
• Once you are registered, you must fill out a short demographics questionnaire. It should only take about 2 minutes.
• To sign up for experiments, click on “Study Sign Up” near the top of the page.
  – Note only studies with available timeslots will be posted. Should you not see any timeslots, check back later.
• You may change your password, email address, or contact information at any time by clicking on “My Profile” at the bottom of the page
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• **Participant Rights**
  – Given informed consent
    • If uncomfortable you may choose not to participate at any time and still earn credit
  – Debriefed at end

• **Keeping Appointments**
  – Be on-time; cancel within 1 hour of appointment if you can’t make it
  – Failure to show up results in penalty that needs to be made up
  – If researcher misses appointment, you will get credit
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• **Alternative Assignment**
  – If you do not want to participate in experiments, you can complete the alternative assignment
  – Read and summarize recent empirical social psychology articles
    • Journal of Personality and Social Psychology
    • Journal of Applied Social Psychology
    • Journal of Experimental Social Psychology
    • Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
  – Instructions and template posted on myWPI
  – Each summary worth 1 Experiment credit
  – Doesn’t count for extra credit