



# 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](http://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