

SUNY Fredonia Psychology Department Research Participation - Guide for Students in Courses Outside of Psychology-

Overview

The psychology subject pool is used to recruit participants for research. Students are offered extra credit in their courses to encourage participation in studies. Although the subject pool is primarily made up of students in psychology courses, sometimes instructors such as yours also offer extra credit for participation in research. Participation is not only a way to improve your grade but also a way to further the science of psychology and assist students and professors in their research.

Credits

You will receive 1 credit for every 30 minutes of participation. Studies may include more than one session, and you will receive 1 credit for each session. Only your instructor determines how extra credit points affect course grades, how many credits can be obtained, and what studies count for extra credit. Be sure to know your instructor's policy on extra credit before participating in any studies. Credits may not be transferred between courses.

The Research Participation System

In order to view research opportunities and sign up to participate, you will need to log onto the Psychology Department research participation website (<http://fredonia.sona-systems.com/>). A detailed user's guide and FAQ for the system are available on the Psychology Department website. Students receive an email with the password needed to access their account. If you have lost your password, request it using the link on the front page of the research participation website. If you never received a password, the same user ID needed to log into your Fredonia email account can be used to request a password.

All available research opportunities are posted on the research participation website. In the *Studies* section of the website you can view information about the studies, check the times available for participation, and sign up to participate. In the *My Schedule/Credits* section you can view the studies you have signed up for, cancel appointments for participation, and monitor the number of credits you have completed. In the *My Profile* section you can change your password and your email address.

You will periodically receive email notifications of research opportunities. In addition, you will receive an email confirmation when you sign up for a study, cancel a study, or receive credit for a study. Reminder emails are also sent the day before a study. All emails should be kept for your personal records.

Recording Appointment Information

Appointment information is only available on the research website. As such, you should carefully note the name, date, time, and location of research appointments when you sign up for them on the research website.

Failure to Attend Research Appointments

If you fail to show up for 3 research appointments, you will be permanently blocked from signing up for future studies. This will prevent you from earning extra credit through participation in future experiments. Showing up for experiments you have signed up for is the best way to avoid having your account blocked, but there are situations in which you might have to cancel a research appointment.

Canceling Research Appointments

You should cancel all research appointments that you will not be able to keep. There is no penalty for cancelations. Canceling your participation for a study is done by going to the *My Schedule/Credits* section of the research participation website and clicking the cancel button next to the appropriate study. Although some studies can be canceled as late as 2 hours before the scheduled time, others may require more notice. Please carefully make note of the cancelation deadline listed under *Study Information* before signing up.

In the event that you need to miss an experiment and cannot access the internet, call the Psychology Department secretary (673-3129) in advance. You will need to provide the secretary with the experiment name and the date and time of your scheduled appointment. If you miss an experiment and were unable to call or cancel in advance, you must provide written evidence for the absence in order to avoid it being unexcused. Take this written evidence, along with the experiment name and date and time of your appointment, to the Psychology Department secretary in Thompson W357.

Voluntary Participation

All participation in research is voluntary. When you arrive for participation, the experimenter will provide you with a description of what you will be doing during the course of the experiment. The experimenter will ask you to sign a consent form. If you feel that you cannot ethically or morally continue to participate in the experiment you may elect to end the experiment, and you will still receive credit for participating.

Questions or Concerns

If you have a question about a study or the credits associated with a study, contact the researchers using the links provided on the research participation website. If the researcher is unable to satisfactorily answer your questions, contact the Subject Pool Coordinator (Guy Boysen: guy.boysen@fredonia.edu). The Subject Pool Coordinator can also be contacted with general questions or concerns about research participation.