

Marion Campus Psychology Research Participation Requirement

One of the goals of General Psychology 100 is to acquaint students with the nature of psychological research. Participating in psychological research facilitates your understanding of how psychological knowledge is accumulated. In addition to providing first-hand contact with research techniques and methodology, your participation contributes directly to the attempt of psychologists to understand human behavior. **All Psychology 100 students are required to engage in 4 activities involving additional exposure to research in the field of psychology.** In order to meet this requirement, you may: 1) participate in research projects, or 2) read about research and report what you have learned in brief papers. You may fulfill this requirement by participating in 4 research studies, writing 4 brief papers, or a combination of the two.

Research Study Participation: Sign-up sheets for research studies will be posted on the bulletin board in the Psychology Suite, Morrill Hall 170. Please read the information carefully and write all the information you need to know, including the date, time, and location of the study. If you fail to show up for your appointment, you will be penalized by having to earn 1 additional credit (5 instead of 4). Plan to allot an hour for each experiment, although it might not actually take that much time. Online participation may be available for some experiments. You should only participate in each different experiment one time. You will not receive credit for participating in it a second time. Students should keep track of their research study participation.

Instructions for Research Reports. If students select the research paper option, follow these guidelines. For each credit you need to read a scientific research article and write a brief paper summarizing and discussing what you learned. You may summarize/critique any scientific research psychology article in the journal *Current Directions in Psychology*. Select a research article that you are interested in (in full text pdf format). You can follow links by going to www.marpsy.net and click on "Research Participation". At the top of the paper, indicate the name of the authors, the year of publication, the title of the article, the journal title, the volume number, and the page numbers. The paper should be approximately 400 words in length, typed. All papers are due on the Monday of the last week of the quarter. Papers will not be returned. Poorly written papers will not receive any credit.

Students who are not yet 18 years old (or do not want to participate in research studies) must select the research paper alternative. Failure to complete this requirement will result in a grade of Incomplete (I) for this course (unless you are failing). Failure to fulfill the requirement by the sixth week of the next quarter will result in receiving a grade which is one letter grade lower than that which would otherwise have been received. **The research requirement of 4 research studies is worth 5% of your final course grade.**

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