

Marion Campus Psychology Research Participation Requirement

(<http://www.marpsy.net/prp/>) (osumpsy.ch.sona-systems.com/)

One of the goals of General Psychology is to acquaint students with the nature of psychological research. Participating in psychological research facilitates understanding of how psychological knowledge is accumulated. In addition to providing first-hand contact with research techniques and methodology, participation contributes directly to the attempt of psychologists to understand human behavior. **All students are required to engage in 5 research participation activities.** The research requirement is worth approximately 5% of your final grade.

In order to meet this requirement, you may: 1) participate in research studies, or 2) read about research and report what you have learned in brief papers. You may fulfill this requirement by participating in 5 research studies, writing 5 brief papers, or a combination of the two.

Research Study Participation: Sign-up for the research studies will be online. You must create an account by logging on to this website: <http://osumpsy.ch.sona-systems.com/>

Once you get an account on this website, there will be a list of studies you can sign up for. Do not worry if there is only one or two studies posted at first. More studies will be posted throughout the quarter (check the website regularly for new postings). Plan to allot an hour for each experiment, although participation does not always take that much time. You should keep track of your research study participation in case there is a discrepancy. All studies should be completed by last day of quarter.

For every study, it is imperative that you take it seriously and give your full attention to the task. Your responses will be part of the researcher's data and will be analyzed and published. Thus, please be attentive, honest and accurate when responding.

If it is a study where you have to complete it on campus, 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 (6 instead of 5).

Some studies will be offered online and you can complete them at your own convenience from your computer.

Research Reports Option: 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 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, double spaced, and stapled. Include copy of the first page of the article with your assignment. All papers are due by last day of class, turned into the instructor. 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 the research participation requirement will result in a grade of Incomplete (I) for this course (unless you are already failing). Failure to fulfill the requirement by the sixth week of the following quarter will result in receiving a grade which is one letter grade lower than that which would otherwise have been received.

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