

PSYCHOLOGY 1 RESEARCH REQUIREMENT

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In Psychology 1 you learn about research in many areas of psychology. Psychologists conduct much of this research with human subjects in psychology laboratories in universities much like UCSB. To enhance your understanding of the nature of research, it is important that you get some first-hand experience with research. For that reason, students in Psychology 1 are required to complete a research requirement.

All research with human subjects must be carried out in an ethical manner. For example, you cannot be required to participate in experiments against your wishes. Therefore, you have been given two options to fulfill the Psychology 1 research requirement—one involves your participation in experiments and one does not, but both have been designed to take the same amount of effort. You are free to choose either option.

OPTION 1: PARTICIPATE IN EXPERIMENTS

Your participation as a subject in experiments will give you a chance to have direct contact with research and thereby you will acquire a better idea of what a psychological experiment is actually like. Records of your performance in psychological experiments are usually anonymous, and are always held in strictest confidence.

- ♦ **The REQUIREMENT:** Each student is required to accumulate **SIX (6) CREDITS**. Participation in an experiment will earn you 1/2 credit for 30 minute experiments and 1 credit for 60 minute experiments. If an experiment is worth 2 or more credits (usually because it takes more than one hour or more than one session), it will be noted in the experiment description you see when you sign up. (**Please Note:** PAID experiments **cannot** be used for Psych 1 research requirement credit.)
- ♦ **What to do:** The steps for participating in experiments are listed below.
- ♦ **Pre-Test:** There is a pre-screening questionnaire that will automatically pop up when you sign in for the first time. If you take this pre-test within the first **TWO WEEKS** of the quarter you will receive one (1) credit toward your six (6) total. The last day to take the pre-test for 1 credit is **October 12!**
- ♦ **Deadline:** LAST DAY FOR EXPERIMENTS: **Wednesday, November 25th!!**. *NO experiments are run the last week of classes and there are no experiment makeup dates after the last day of experiments*

OPTION 2: WRITE A PAPER

If you prefer not to participate in experiments, you can write a **six-page paper** that reviews three original research articles. Writing this paper should provide a learning experience comparable to that of participating in ongoing research.

- ♦ **The REQUIREMENT:** You can select **three (3) original journal articles from any of the journals on the following list. The article must have been published in one of these journals within the last year. Prepare a six-page paper (double spaced) summarizing the main question addressed in each article, how they addressed it, and what they found (approximately a two page review per article). Spend a minimum of six hours on the paper. The paper must be typed and have a title. **You must turn in photocopies of the three original journal articles that you read and reviewed with your paper. Papers will not be accepted without the attached articles.****
- ♦ **LIST OF ACCEPTABLE JOURNALS:** Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, Journal of Neuroscience, Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience, Psychological Science, Nature and Neuroscience, Journal of Experimental Psychology-General, Journal of Experimental Psychology-Learning, Memory, and Cognition. Psychonomic Bulletin and Review, Cognition, Child Development, Developmental Psychology, Developmental Psychobiology, Developmental Science, Journal of Educational Psychology, Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, Journal of Abnormal Psychology, Evolution and Human Behavior.

- ♦ **Deadline:** The paper is due **Wednesday, November 25th, by 4 p.m.** Please turn it in to the Subject Pool Coordinator in the Psychology Administrative Office in Psychology East, room 1813.

IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE THE RESEARCH REQUIREMENT...

If you fail to fully complete the research requirement (either Option 1 or Option 2), your final grade will be reduced (i.e., if you had an A-, you will receive a B+; if you had a C, you will receive a C-; etc.).

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR EXPERIMENTS:

FIRST: NEW USERS NEED TO GET A LOGIN AND PASSWORD

- 1) If you haven't already done so, activate your U-Mail account at <http://www.umail.ucsb.edu>
- 2) Check your U-Mail account for an email with the Subject line of: "Psychology Research Participation Sign-Up Login Information"
- 3) If you register in Psych 1 after the first day of class, your User ID and password will be **emailed to you** within a few days of your registration. (User ID's are sent to your U-Mail address, except in the rare event that you have a different email address on file with the **Registrar's Office**. If you don't receive the email, contact the Subject Pool Coordinator at wwwsubpool@psych.ucsb.edu.

THEN: SIGN UP FOR EXPERIMENTS

- 1) Using the User ID and Password that were sent to your U-Mail address, log on to the "Psychology Research Participation Sign-Up" website at <http://ucsb.sona-systems.com>
- 2) The first time you log in, you will see a policy screen. Click "Yes" if you agree to the terms.
- 3) **Click on the "My Profile" link** if you want to change your e-mail address and/or change your password to something you are more likely to remember.
- 4) Click on "**Study Sign-Up**" to browse a list of experiments.

NOTE:

- ♦ Pay attention to the Restrictions (e.g. "males only", etc)
- ♦ Don't sign up for the same experiment twice (unless specifically asked to do so).
- ♦ If you don't see any experiments listed, check back later to see if new ones have been posted

- 5) Find an experiment that interests you, and click on "**Timeslots Available**"
- 6) You will be shown more detailed Study Information
- 7) If interested, and if eligible to participate, click on "**View Timeslots for this Study**"
- 8) A list of available times will appear; click on "**Sign Up**" button next to the time you want.
- 9) You should see the "Signup Successful" screen. Copy the information onto your **tally sheet**.

Be sure to write the correct location, date and time of your experiment. The Psych Office does NOT have that information. However, should you lose this information, you can check the ucsb.sona-systems.com website. Please be aware, though, that there are NO public access computers in the Psychology Building.

- 10) Once you have signed up for an experiment, it is important that you **appear for the experiment at the time indicated; otherwise you will receive penalty equal to the credit offered by the experiment (see more on this below).**

Below are some examples of the types of experiments you can participate in:

Learning in computer-based environments	Solving logic problems
Sorting of objects into categories	Responding to attitude questionnaires
Judging various auditory stimuli, visual stimuli	Making judgments about presented scenarios
Judging the size, distance, or color of objects	Responding to hypothetical social situations

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR EXPERIMENTS & CREDITS:

- ♦ In this packet is a Tally Sheet to keep track of the experiments you complete. You should have the experimenter sign it after each experiment. **You may need to provide it as verification of participation in an experiment.** It does not need to be turned in to the Psychology Office.
- ♦ When you sign up for an experiment, you will receive e-mail confirmation of your upcoming appointments, as well as a reminder e-mail the day before the experiment.

♦ To see a list of both your upcoming and past appointments, log on to the Sona Systems website and click on the “**My Schedule & Credits**” link. It will also show you what your credit balance is.

IF YOU MISS OR ARE LATE FOR AN EXPERIMENT: Students who fail to appear for an experiment or who are late to an experiment will receive a credit penalty equal to the number of credits offered by the study. Check Sona System’s “**My Schedule & Credits**” screen to view your Credit Information. For each penalty, or “Failure to appear,” the number of credits *you must earn* will increase. For example, say you had a balance of 2 credits out of the 6 you must earn, but then you miss an experiment. It will still read “you have earned 2 credits,” but the number of credits “you must earn” will increase to 7.

RIGHTS OF EXPERIMENTAL PARTICIPANTS: No experiments are designed to involve psychological or physical harm. However, we would like to remind you of your right to choose not to participate in a study after it has been explained to you. Further, if during a session, you feel distressed and wish to withdraw, you may terminate your participation. You will not be penalized for refusing to participate and will receive the appropriate experiment credit.

RESPONSIBILITIES: In order to receive credit, you must be eligible. That means: you fit the specifications listed in the description, you show up on time, you can stay for the full time specified, and you give the experiment your full attention. You shall NOT receive credit for paid experiments or for experiments that you are not eligible.

IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OLD: Students choosing to participate in experiments must be 18 years of age or older OR have a parental consent form on file. This form is handed out at first Psychology 1 section or may be picked up at the Psychology Admin Office, Psychology East, room 1813. Turn in the parental consent forms to the Psych Admin Office, Psychology East, room 1813, PRIOR to participating in any experiment. They also may be faxed to the main office, 805-893-4303.

SPECIAL NEEDS: The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that students with special needs have equal access to program information. If you are a special needs student requiring assistance in signing-up for Psychology 1 experiments, assistance is available in the Psychology Admin Office, Psychology East, room 1813 or you may call 893-3182.

IF YOU'RE AN EXTENSION/FOREIGN STUDENT: If you are a concurrent enrollment student (a student taking UCSB classes through University Extension), or your name doesn't appear on the Psych 1 class list, please see the Subject Pool Coordinator in the Psychology Admin Office, Psychology East, room 1813, so you can get a login and password.

FAQ

How do I get a UCSB “u-mail” account?

You can obtain a free UCSB U-Mail account by logging on to www.umail.ucsb.edu

What if I registered in the class, but haven't received a User ID and Password?

You should receive it within a few days of registering.

What if I forget my password, or accidentally delete the email that has my password?

Go to ucsb.sona-systems.com and look for “Lost your password? Click here to retrieve it!”

What if I'm having trouble logging in?

Close the web browser, then open it and try again. If you still have problems, contact the Subject Pool Coordinator (e-mail link is on the UCSB Sona Systems homepage).

What if I need to cancel an experiment appointment?

If you wish to cancel an appointment, you must do so at least 24 hours before the experiment is scheduled to start. If you fail to attend an experiment that you did not cancel in time, you'll be given a negative credit.

TO CANCEL: Log on to the Sona Systems site and click “My Schedule & Credits” to see your scheduled appointments. You'll see a “cancel” button next to any upcoming session that is more than 24 hours away. To cancel the session, click the “cancel” button next to the session you wish to cancel. You will be asked to confirm the cancellation; click “yes”. You will lose your spot in the session, but not be penalized (given negative credit).

NOTE: Canceling via the Sona Systems site is the best way to cancel an appointment without being penalized; however, in the *case of an emergency*, you may cancel your appointment by contacting the experimenter directly by clicking on the appropriate Experiment title in the “My Schedule & Credits” screen.

What if the experimenter doesn't show up?

First, double-check that you have the correct location and time. If it's between 9-12 and 1-4, then you can go down to the Psych Admin Office (Psychology East, room 1813) and talk to the Subject Pool Coordinator. You should also contact the experimenter via e-mail to check on the situation, and see if you can reschedule, etc.

What if I'm repeating Psych 1?

If you are repeating Psychology 1, you must also complete the Research Requirement; that is, you must either participate in experiments or write a research paper.

How do I sign up for paid experiments?

Once you have completed your 6 credit requirement for Psych 1, you can go to www.psych.ucsb.edu and click on the research icon in the lower right hand corner. You may not participate in paid experiments if you have not finished your requirements or if you are under the age of 18. If you have any questions, contact Chris at wwwsubpool@psych.ucsb.edu.

Other QUESTIONS and CONCERNS:

If you have a question or concern about any aspect of the research requirement, please contact the Subject Pool Coordinator at wwwsubpool@psych.ucsb.edu. If you have a question regarding credit for a particular experiment, contact the researcher directly by clicking on the e-mail link shown in the "View Appointments" page. If you don't receive a timely response, then you may e-mail the Subject Pool Coordinator.

→ **FOR OTHER FAQS:** Log on to ucsb.sona-systems.com and click on "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)"

Psych 1 Experiment Tally Sheet

Study Name/Description: _____	
Date: _____	Researcher's Name: _____
Time: _____	Researcher's Signature: _____
Place: _____	Credit earned: _____

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NOTE:

Most experiments are located in the **Psychology Building (#551)**.

Psych 1000-1999 rooms are located on the first floor;

Psych 2000-2999 are on the second floor.

Others are located in Building 429, Building 407, and Building 411 (see map), or the experimenter may give you specific directions.

The new Psychology East building is located directly east of the current building.

