

RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

All Introduction to Psychology students are required to gain experience in psychological research and methods. Students are required to accumulate 4 research-participation credits by **Thurs., April 11**. These credits will be worth 4% of your final class grade.

These credits may be earned in one of two ways, either through participating in experiments directed by faculty members (**Option A**), or by reading and summarizing articles in psychology (**Option B**).

You cannot earn any extra-credit points for doing more than 4 credits of research.

Any dishonesty in this process will be reported for prosecution to the Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Director of Student Academic Services.

Option A: Experiments

Sign-up sheets for experiments will be posted at the psychology department on the second floor of Krebs around the second or third week of the semester. New experiments will be posted throughout the semester, and completed ones will be withdrawn.

Each experiment posted outside the psychology department will have a colored card explaining what you will be asked to do, how long the experiment will last, how many research credits it is worth, contact information for the faculty member in charge of the study, and any other information you need to know. Below this card will be a sign-up sheet. Choose a time and day that works for you and fill in your information. Make sure you record the information so you remember!

Experiments that last 30 minutes or less are worth 1 credit; those that last more than 30 minutes or that require you to come back for a second session are worth 2 credits.

If you don't show up for an experiment you signed up for (without calling ahead) you will not be allowed to make up that credit.

Except for experiments that have multiple sessions, you may not participate in the same experiment more than once!

Option B: Research Article Summary(s)

If you do not wish to participate in experiments, you may read and summarize short articles on topics within psychology. Each article will count as 1 research credit. If you choose this option see your Introduction to Psychology instructor for specific details about the type of article and the expected contents of the summary. Instructions for the paper are described on the next page.

You are allowed to do a combination of experiments and article summaries as long as they total 4 credits.

Specific Instructions for Option B.

Students may read articles dealing with psychological methods and submit brief summaries. To obtain research participation credits, you must summarize an article from a professional research psychological journal, not a magazine. Usually, any experimentally oriented article will be approved. You must however get my approval first by submitting a photocopy of the first page of the article. If approved, I will sign it and return it to you. Hand in this approval sheet with your summary. Papers must be approved no later than **Thurs. April 4, at 12 o'clock noon**, and submitted no later than **Tues., April 16, at 12 o'clock noon**. You can, of course, get approval and submit your paper any time before these dates.

For each article hand in a brief (one or two pages, typed) summary of the article including:

1. The point of the article: what were the authors reporting?
2. What were the author's conclusions?
3. What did the authors of our text write about this issue?
4. If our text's authors agree with the article, discuss your own views of the subject. If the text authors do not agree with the article, explain which view you think is correct, and why.
5. Be sure to use the American Psychology Association (APA) reference style throughout your report. Examples are identified below. You must use the exact APA style

Examples of referencing style. Below is an example of a reference. The exact style, with spacing, should be followed. Authors' last name and initials, year of publication, title of the article, name of journal, volume number, and page numbers are given in the order written below. For some articles a Digital Object Identification (DOI) number is listed on the first page of the article. If the article has a DOI list it, if not you do not have to list a number at the end of the reference. The first example listed below is from an article that has a DOI. The second example is of a book that does not have a DOI. (Additional examples can be found in the reference section of your text book.)

References

Herbst-Damm, K. L., & Kulik, J. A. (2005). Volunteer support, marital status, and the survival times of terminally ill patients. *Health Psychology, 24*, 225-229. doi: 10.1037/-278-6133.24.2.225

Shotton, M. A. (1989). *Computer addiction? A study of computer dependency*. London, England: Taylor & Francis.

Examples of references were copied from:

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.) Washington, DC: Author.

FINDING ARTICLES. Articles can be found using PsychInfo, an electronic database, accessed through the University Library Digital Library. If you need help finding an article politely ask a librarian.

Record form to use to keep track of participation points.

NOTE: You can do any combination of experiments and/or papers for a total of 4% points.

Experiment	Room #	Date	Time	Contact Phone	# of Credits
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If you decide to summarize articles, list the following for your records:

Author & Title (You only need to list first author)	Year	Journal name (abbreviated)	Vol.	Pages
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