

Instructions for participating in research

You are required to participate in 1 hour of psychological research. This experience is intended to give you a better understanding of the scientific basis of the material covered in Psychology 1. The procedure for being a participant is described below. If you object to participating in scientific research, an alternate activity will be made available. Failure to fulfill this requirement means that your overall score in Psych 1 will be reduced by 3%.

General directions

You must fulfill the research requirement this semester by the end of regular instruction (before final exams). Most experiments take place in the Psych Lab (Room 402).

If you do not show up for an experiment without giving a 24 hour notice to the Psych Lab, the research requirement is considered unfulfilled and the standard points deduction will be made. The Psych Lab phone is 477-5622

You must arrive on time. If you wait 15 minutes for the experimenter and the study does not take place, you still get credit for the full time of the study. Please leave a message on the large table at the front of the Lab.

Signing-up

Go to the bulletin board outside Room 402 (bottom floor of the 400 building, facing the bay). Read the descriptions carefully and select one for which you qualify and in which you are interested. Select a date and time listed on the sheet and clearly print your name on the appropriate line.

Make a note of the date and time. If you do not show up, the research requirement is considered unfulfilled and the standard points deduction will be made. If you must cancel then you must give at least 24 hours notice. You can leave a message by calling the Psych Lab phone (477-5622) or by putting a note on the large table at the front of the Psych Lab

Doing the study

Show up to participate in the study on time at the given time and place. At the beginning of the study, the experimenter will describe what is going to happen. If, after hearing this description, you agree to participate, you must sign a consent form. If you feel discomfort or stress at any time during the experiment, you have the right to stop participating and still get credit. The experimenter also has the right to stop your participation at any time and you still get credit.

At the end of the study you will get an explanation of the study. Take this opportunity to ask the experimenter questions about the research. You may also ask the experimenter to send you the results of the study when such a document becomes available.

If you are asked by the experimenter not to discuss the experiment with any other students, please honor that request--it is critical to the validity of the study!

If you have an emergency or other situation and are unable to complete the subject pool requirement by the deadline, contact your instructor for an alternate assignment.

Don't wait until the last week to complete the requirement!