

Research Participation Requirement for Students Enrolled in PSY 1879: Introductory Psychology (Fall 2009: POLICY)

1. **All** students enrolled in PSY 1879 classes are required either to participate as a subject in research projects or to complete written library assignments. Your participation in a research project assists Psychology Department faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate Psychology majors in carrying out their scientific investigations. It also provides you with a valuable firsthand view of how research in psychology is conducted. The choice of written library assignments is offered to those who prefer not to participate in research or whose schedule will not allow them to do so. If you choose this option, you must contact your instructor to get specific guidelines. The deadline for choosing the alternate library assignments is October 9, 2009.
2. You are required to participate in at least **four and a half (4.5)** hours of research or five library assignments. You can only participate in a study 1 time. Credit for research participation and written library assignments cannot be combined—you must complete the requirement by doing ALL of one or the other.
3. There are two types of research projects available: online and non-online. Online research projects can be completed on the computer via the world-wide web. Non-online research projects require you to go to a room somewhere to participate. **Only 2.5 hours of research credit can be done with online research projects.**
4. You may earn up to four hours of extra credit by participating in additional studies (raising your total course grade by up to 2%).
5. If you sign-up to participate in a study and fail to show up without notifying the researcher before the study, you will receive a No-Show for that study. No-Shows impact your credits as follows:
 - First No-Show: No penalty
 - Second No-Show:..... You are ineligible for extra credit
 - Third No-Show (and beyond): Your requirement increases by one hour for each No-Show
6. Participation in Research Studies MUST be completed by Friday **December 4, 2009**; the due date for Library Assignments will be set by your instructor. The last day to correct any problems in the credit you receive is Friday, **December 11, 2009.**
7. Your participation can raise or lower your grade. If you fulfill the requirement of four and a half hours, your final grade will not be raised or lowered. If you fail to meet the minimum requirement, your grade will be lowered, whereas if you do more than is required, your grade will be increased. The table below shows how your participation can increase or lower your grade.

Number of Completed Hours	Effect on Your Final Course Grade
0	-9%
.5	-8%
1.0	-7%
1.5	-6%
2.0	-5%
2.5	-4%
3.0	-3%
3.5	-2%
4.0	-1%

Number of Completed Hours	Effect on Your Final Course Grade
4.5	Requirement met; no effect

Number of Completed Hours	Effect on Your Final Course Grade
5.0	+0.25%
5.5	+0.5%
6.0	+0.75%
6.5	+1%
7.0	+1.25%
7.5	+1.5%
8.0	+1.75%
8.5	+2%

(Instructions on how to Sign-Up for Studies will follow)