

Research Participation Credits Requirement

As part of your course requirements in all Psychology Core Courses, you are required to come into direct contact with the process of behavioral research. This requirement may be filled in two ways: (a) by reading research journal articles and writing a 500 word summary for each article, or (b) taking part in actual experiments as a participant (you can combine credits from both ways to satisfy the requirement). You are required to earn two Research Participation Credits (RPC) for each Psychology Core Course you enroll in (see list below) for up to a maximum of six (6) total credits each semester. If you fail to complete this requirement, you will receive a grade of "Incomplete" for one or more of these Psychology Core Courses. This will be reported as "X" on your transcript. You will have 8 weeks starting from the beginning of the next long semester to make up the RPCs. After that, your incomplete in the course will be removed and your **grade in the course will automatically be lowered by one full grade** (e.g., B+ to C+). ***This requirement applies to all students (both majors and non-majors) enrolled in the following courses:***

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| PSY 2317 Statistics for Psychology | PSY 3392 Research Design & Analysis | CGS 3325 Historical Persp. in Psych. |
| PSY 3310 Child Development | PSY 4331 Personality Psychology | CGS 3361 Cognitive Psychology |
| PSY 3331 Social Psychology | PSY 4334 Lifespan Development | CLDP 3310 Child Development |
| PSY 3360 Historical Perspectives in Psy. | PSY 4343 Abnormal Psychology | CLDP 4334 Lifespan Development |
| PSY 3361 Cognitive Psychology | CGS 2301 Cognitive Science | |

Journal Article Summaries. Consult your instructor about journals that are relevant to course topics. These must be recent scientific journals (not magazines) that are available in the UTD library and on-line (go through "Find Articles" at <http://www.utdallas.edu/library/>). For each credit you must write a brief **500-word double-spaced** summary paper of one article. These summaries must not be plagiarized. Attach a photocopy of the journal article to your summary. **Summaries are to be turned in by the first day of final exams** to the Psychology Program Office (GR 4.528). Do not turn the summaries in to your class instructor.

Research Participation. Serving as a participant in experiments will show you how the experiments you are reading about are actually done, and has the added benefit of providing faculty and graduate students with people to study. You generally will earn one research credit for each experiment, but will earn more credits for studies lasting longer than 60 minutes or involving multiple testing sessions.

Online sign-up system. Sign up for studies is now done on-line at <https://utdallas.sona-systems.com/>. **NOTE THE "s" in https.** Students must know their UTD NetID and have set up their UTD email account (see <http://netid.utdallas.edu/>) in order to use the Sona System. **New Users:** At the login page, click the "Lost your password?" and SONA will send your password to your official UTD email address. On the Lost password page, enter your UTD NetID which takes the form "jjd987000" (this is the prefix of your official UTD email address which take the form jjd987000@utdallas.edu); do not enter the "@utdallas.edu" because the system fills this in for you. **IMPORTANT:** Your UTD Personal Email Address (which take the form janedoe@student.utdallas.edu) **WILL NOT WORK.** The system should immediately send an email to your official UTD email address (i.e., that you listed in the User ID box). You will need to access that email (via Pipeline) to retrieve your assigned Password. You can change your Password once you login by clicking the My Profile button. This online system is the official record of your participation in research. **Returning Users:** If you established a Sona System account in a prior semester, you should still be an active user in the system. Use your UTD NetID and your SONA password to log in. If you have forgotten your password (or never knew it) then click on the "Lost Your Password?" link at the bottom left of the page; it will email your password to your UTD email account. If you are not currently enrolled in a class, a "Courses" box will appear and ask you to select a course from a drop-down box; select "A. Not Currently Enrolled in an REC Course". If you are enrolled in a course, you will not see this selection box because you have automatically been enrolled in your courses.

Once you have your User ID/password, you can go to the site and start signing up for experiments. Please remember that you must show up for all experiments signed up for, otherwise **you will be assessed a one credit penalty for each appointment missed.** More importantly, missing appointments not only creates problems for the experimenters, but it is also unfair to other students who could have taken advantage of your time slot. You can cancel your appointment on-line up to 24 hours before hand. After that, you must contact the experimenter via phone or email. Look under the "My Schedule & Credits" button to see how many credits you have completed/been awarded and to the dates/times/locations of experiments you are signed up for. Remember, you are required to complete only up to six (6) credits per semester, even if you are enrolled in more than three cores courses. All credits must be earned by the first day of the final exam period. Questions about Research Exposure Credits should be directed to Kent at kentm@utdallas.edu (GR 4.528, 972-883-2360). Use the back of this form to keep a backup record of participating in experiments. Be sure to write down the date, time, and complete building and room number for each appointment.