

Psychology 100 Research Participant Information

Dear Psych 100 Students:

The Department of Psychology requires that all students taking Psych 100 participate in ongoing psychological research. This participation involves the following: Students must obtain a total of **three hours** of Research Participant credit. A study lasting up to one hour earns one hour of credit. A study lasting more than one hour but less than or equal to two hours earns two hours of credit. (NOTE: These "credits" count toward the Psych 100 research requirement only. They have no relationship whatsoever to Hunter College course credit hours.) You may also fulfill the requirement by reading psychological research articles and taking a short quiz for each article.

There are two major reasons for this research requirement: First, it provides our students and faculty with an organized participant pool to enable them to conduct psychological research at Hunter College. Second, it provides a valuable educational experience for our Psych 100 students by a) exposing them first hand to the techniques and procedures of psychological research, b) giving them an understanding of the function of research and the role of the researcher in psychology, and finally, c) offering them an opportunity to learn about their reactions in specific situations.

ALL STUDIES IN WHICH YOU MAY PARTICIPATE HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS.

On the attached sheet, you will see a list of commonly asked questions that students have raised about their research participation, and our answers. Below, you will find the "Students' Bill of Rights" and an explanation of specific procedures you will need to follow to meet the requirement.

STUDENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

1. You may refuse to participate in any particular experiment.
2. You may withdraw from an experiment while in progress without penalty.
3. You may request that the data you provide be destroyed and not used in any way. There is no penalty or loss of credit if your data are destroyed.
4. It is the responsibility of the researcher to make the experiment an educational experience for you by providing information about the nature and purpose of your participation as soon as possible. A discussion of the results of the study will be available to you as soon as the data are all collected and analyzed.
5. You have the option of reading a psychological research article and taking a short quiz on the article in place of participating in an experiment. (Several appropriate articles are on electronic reserve on the web). The reading of one article and taking one quiz is worth one hour of research credit.
6. If you feel that your rights have been violated or that you wish to make any complaints for any reason, you may contact the administrator, Naitram Baboolall nbaboola@hunter.cuny.edu (Rm 741A HN, 212-772-5612), or Professor Martin Chodorow (Rm 512 TH, e-mail: martin.chodorow@hunter.cuny.edu (212-772-5618)).

Procedures for Meeting the Research Requirement

1. Each researcher will post on the webpage a list along with time slots, listing the type of research being conducted and the specific days and hours when participation will be needed. You must be 18 or older in order to participate in research. If you are under 18 please see the administrator.
2. You should select an experiment that interests you and sign your name next to a convenient time slot. Note that new experiments are posted each week—if you do not find a study that interests you, check the webpage again every few days. **Be sure to make a note of the time and location so that you will not miss your appointment, and keep a record of the Experimenter's phone number so that you can call if you need to cancel the appointment. Also keep a record of the code number associated with each experiment so that you can avoid signing up for the same experiment twice. Make sure if you sign up, please show up or you may be penalize for not showing up.**
3. NOTE: You may participate only once in any experiment. If you have already participated in an experiment, you must select different experiments thereafter. (Some experiments have two parts, and are conducted on two different days. If an experiment that you choose has two parts, attend both sessions and receive credit for both sessions.)
4. You must arrive on time at the assigned room posted on the webpage. If you are late you may lose the chance to participate at that time.
5. Please do not be a No-Show! Lateness or failure to keep your appointment may lead to considerable inconvenience for the experimenter and other students. Students who repeatedly fail to make their scheduled appointments will be required to complete the alternative research experience described in the Students' Bill of Rights above.
6. When an experiment is over, the experimenter will provide each participant with a receipt to confirm his/her participation. In addition, the experimenter will forward a list of all participants to the Participant Pool Administrator, who will ensure that students receive proper credit in their Psychology 100 class for their participation.