

## **Psychology Research Participation Requirement**

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### **I. Pre-requisite for research participation:**

The psychology department requires students in this class to complete a psychology quiz by the end of the “Add Period” deadline. If you have already completed this assessment quiz during a previous semester, your SonaSystems account history will indicate that you have participated in an experiment named “.Psychology Assessment” and you are not expected to take the quiz again for this course. If you have not already completed this quiz, it will take approximately 30 minutes to complete, and is a mandatory, pre-requisite for completing the research-participation requirement (see below). ***Your performance on the quiz will not be reflected in your grade for the course and your instructor will never know your score.*** We are aware that many of you have not taken a psychology course before, and so, we expect that you will not know the correct answer for many of the questions. If you fail to meet this deadline, you will not be able to sign up for any of the research experiments that are required for your research-participation grade. To take this quiz, please do the following:

1. Create, or reactivate your SonaSystems account by going to <http://claremontmckenna.sona-systems.com/>. You will need an active SONA user ID in order to complete the assessment.
2. Log onto your SONA account.
3. Locate the study named “.Psychology Assessment”
4. Complete the 30-minute assessment study.

### **II. Research-participation requirement:**

The Psychology Department requires students in this class to participate in 3 credit hours of psychological research (six 30-minute experiments or three 60-minute experiments, or any combination). The research participation requirement is designed to provide students with an opportunity to experience psychological research first hand and to benefit from the ongoing research within our department. If you are enrolled in 2 or more under-100 level CMC psychology classes, you need to only complete 5 total hours of research credits for all classes combined (please see instructions on Sakai for assigning credits to classes). Eligible experiments for credit are listed on the CMC SonaSystems website. A link to that site is also available on the Sakai site, “**CMC PSYCH EXP**”.

*Deadlines.* Specific deadlines for completion of the first, second, and third research credits in this class are provided on the Sakai site, “**CMC PSYCH EXP**”. Please note, you are allowed to complete the credits before the specified deadlines if you wish.

*Penalty for failure to show up to research experiments.* Students who sign up for a research experiment and then fail to attend the experiment without notifying the experimenter 24 hours in advance will receive no credit for the experiment and will have to complete an additional experimental credit equal to the original experimental credit to fulfill the requirement. So, if a student signs up for a ½ credit experiment and fails to show up, they will have to make up an additional ½ credit penalty.

*Participation Alternatives.* There is an alternative to participating in on-campus experimental research. This alternative is to summarize the methodology and findings of a published research

article on psychological research, which you can obtain from the library. Details on the format of and what the research summary must include are on the Sakai site, "**CMC PSYCH EXP**". Each summarized article will count for 1 credit hour of research participation. The due dates for article summaries are the same as the deadlines for research participation.

**Failure to complete the full number of experimental credits will automatically result in a 5% decrease in the student's grade.**