

Psychology Research Activity – Student Handout

In Psychology classes, students are exposed to the results of scientific experiments. Students should also understand how these results were obtained. Consequently, the UNLV Department of Psychology requires that all PSY 101 students have a direct experience with psychological research.

PSY 101 students are required to earn a minimum of **4 research credits**. For other courses, check with your instructor to see if credit is required or if bonus credits are allowed. Credits may be earned by participating in experiments, completing an alternative assignment of writing summaries of approved articles, or a combination of both. Unfortunately, due to ethical concerns, if you are under 18 years of age, you may not participate in experiments (you can complete article summaries).

Regardless of whether you choose to participate in experiments, write article summaries, or do a combination of the two, **YOU MUST REGISTER WITH THE EXPERIMETRIX WEBSITE TO RECEIVE CREDIT!!** Please register as soon as possible. Instructions for how to register are on the second page of this handout. When registering, please use your **Rebelmail** account (other email accounts can cause sign-up difficulties).

Experiments

- Experiments vary in the number of research credits awarded (0.5 – 9 credits)
- All responses and measurements of performance in experiments is kept confidential
- For online experiments, please record the URL (web address) of the experiment
- You must give at least 12 hours notice in order to cancel an appointment
- Missed appointments will result in a penalty of one-half credit
- Appointments are easier to obtain at the beginning of the semester than at the end

Article summaries

- Each satisfactory article summary is worth 1 research credit
- Only those articles on e-reserve in the library (PSY 101 Subject Pool) may be used (regardless of what section you are registered in)
- Your summary and responses must be satisfactory to receive credit!
- Article summaries submitted at the deadline that are judged to be unsatisfactory will not be permitted to be re-submitted after the deadline
- You must use **YOUR OWN WORDS** (plagiarism will be reported for disciplinary action)

The research activity is **MANDATORY** for all PSY 101 students. If you do not complete the 4-credit requirement, your final course grade will be reduced by one letter grade.

Deadlines for completing the research activity are listed on the Subject Pool website (go to PSYCHOLOGY.UNLV.EDU and follow the Subject Pool links). There are **NO EXCEPTIONS!** If you dispute the number of credits you were awarded, you have until **12 PM on Friday of the last week of classes** (the last week of classes; not Final Exam week) to resolve the situation.

****Go to PSYCHOLOGY.UNLV.EDU and follow the Subject Pool links****

****Still have questions? Contact the Subject Pool Coordinator: subjectpool@gmail.com****

HOW TO REGISTER

If you already registered with Experimetrix, you can log in immediately (use your login & password).

If you haven't registered before:

1. Go to the Psychology Homepage at PSYCHOLOGY.UNLV.EDU and follow the "Subject Pool" links to get to the Subject Pool website (deadlines, FAQs, etc.)
2. Click "Students" to get detailed instructions for you - this page will answer most questions you have about the Subject Pool
3. Click "Experimetrix" and select "new.user" to get a login and password. Please use your Rebel Mail email account when registering - other email programs can cause sign-up difficulties
4. You will receive your password by email within 1 or 2 days
5. After receiving your password, you must login within **3 DAYS** to activate your account. Go to the Experimetrix website and select "log.in"
6. Select "Edit your course selection" to specify your section of PSY 101. You **MUST** specify the correct section so that your name and credits will be available for your instructor
7. At this point, you can begin participating in experiments and/or completing article summaries

If you do not receive your login and password within three days,

1. Check your email - if your inbox is full, it may not accept new messages.
2. Check your Junk/Trash/Spam folder (some email accounts filter these emails).
3. If that is unsuccessful, try to register again. However, you must wait **3 days** between attempts.
4. If you are still unable to register, contact the Subject Pool Coordinator at SubjectPool@gmail.com, to ask that your login and password be mailed to you.

WARNING: It may take several days to activate your account – please do it as soon as possible.

SUBJECT POOL WEBSITE

Information about:

- Participating in Experiments
- Canceling Appointments
- Writing Article Summaries
- Checking How Many Credits You Have Earned
- Fixing Problems With Your Credit
- Frequently Asked Questions

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