

## Psychology 104 Research Participation Requirement Information for Students

Pool signups at <http://hsupool.sona-systems.com/>.

### General Information

Student research involvement is a fundamental educational goal for the Psychology Department. We believe that students cannot learn about psychology without opportunities to experience all aspects of the research process. Students enrolled in our Introductory Psychology course learn about research by participating in research studies. Research participation provides students an important first-hand view of psychological science.

*Research Participation Requirement.* **The HSU Psychology department requires two (2) hours of research participation that comprises 5% of your total course grade.** Fifteen (15) minutes of participation comprises a "unit." Two hours equals eight units. All administrative aspects of research participation (e.g., signing up, getting credit) are conducted through an on-line system. Students who do not wish to participate in research will be provided an alternative assignment by their instructor.

*Keeping Appointments.* All research studies require that you to make an appointment for participation. **When you make an appointment it is extremely important that you show up and are on time.** When you make an appointment, the researcher is reserving a spot for you. If you fail to attend, you have wasted the researcher's time and taken a spot that another student could have filled. If you cannot make your scheduled appointment, you should cancel it through the on-line system. To do so, login to your account, choose my schedule and credits then choose view or cancel my appointments

*Students who fail to show up for two studies must complete an alternative assignment to earn credit. These students will have their accounts disabled for the remainder of the semester.*

### How do I set up an account?

Go to <http://hsupool.sona-systems.com> . Choose request an account (link on lower left hand corner of page). Your user ID will be your HSU provided email address (e.g., the pool administrator's is [cla18@humboldt.edu](mailto:cla18@humboldt.edu)). After you complete your login, your username and password will be emailed to you. (Note: if you don't know your HSU email or want emails sent to a different address see below). *Be sure to indicate the correct course number/instructor when you sign up.*

### What if I don't know my HSU email address or have other login problems?

Every student has an assigned email address, even if you never use your HSU email. If you do not know your HSU email, go to <https://accountcenter.humboldt.edu>, after log in, choose personal information, then view/change email address. This will tell you your HSU email. **YOU MUST REGISTER USING YOUR HSU ASSIGNED USERNAME.** Failure to do so may prevent you from earning credit for your participation.

If you have any problems with login or account creation please see this page before contacting the pool coordinator:  
<http://www.humboldt.edu/psychology/pool/Solutions.html> .

### Can I change my preferred email address?

Yes, you can change the address where you receive email. Your username will remain your HSU email address. After you login for the first time, choose My Profile. Here you can change your email address, password, etc. Note that you need to be able to login to your HSU account initially to retrieve your password.

### Where do I find research studies to participate in? How do I sign up?

Login to the system. Choose Experiment sign up. This page lists all current studies and time slots available. From here you can sign up for studies. Most studies will not begin until the third week of class so please be patient.

### How much do I have to participate?

Students are required to complete eight credits of participation. Every 15 minutes of participation counts as 1 "credit." 2 hours = 8 credits. Some instructors may offer extra credit for additional participation. Each study has a specific number of credits assigned. These credits are based on the average time it takes students to complete the study. For example, a study worth 2 units takes an *average* of 30 minutes to complete. Some students finish faster, some may finish more slowly. In all cases, students participating in this study receive 2 units. Credit is not adjusted for actual time spent.

### **What if I show up and the researcher does not?**

First, be sure to check that you went to the correct location at the right time, etc. You must wait at least 15 minutes past your scheduled time. Keep in mind that if you are late, the researcher may leave (this counts as you not showing up) or may not have time to accommodate your appointment.

If you believe the researcher failed to show up, you should immediately a) email the researcher and b) email the participation pool coordinator ([cla18@humboldt.edu](mailto:cla18@humboldt.edu)). You will receive credit once the researcher verifies that s/he failed to show up.

### **How can I be sure I received credit for participating?**

After login, go to my schedule and credits. *Please note that it may take up to 48 hours for you to receive credit for participation.* If you participated and did not receive credit, contact the researcher and the pool coordinator ([cla18@humboldt.edu](mailto:cla18@humboldt.edu)). You will need to provide information about the time and date of your participation.

### **How does my instructor know I participated?**

Your instructor has an account on the system and can access reports of all participation.

### **What if I don't want to participate in research?**

Your instructor is required to provide you with an alternative assignment. Also, if you are under 18 you must complete an alternative assignment.

### **A few more points**

If every student waits until the last few weeks of school to fill their research participation requirements there will not be enough space for everyone. Many researchers have limited time and/or only need a certain number of students to participate. That means if you wait until the last minute to fill your participation requirements that you may not be accommodated.

You may be enrolled in other courses where you can receive extra credit for participation in research. You cannot count participation in one study for multiple courses. However, you may select all of the courses for which you are enrolled when you create your account. To add or change courses after creating your account choose "my profile."

You must be 18 or older to participate in research. If you are under 18, your instructor will provide an alternative assignment.

All research studies are approved by the Humboldt State University Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research. The participation pool policies adhere to recommendations contained in the Ethical Principles of the American Psychological Association and the web-based system is HIPAA compliant. If you have problems or complaints, you should contact the participant pool coordinator, Chris Aberson ([cla18@humboldt.edu](mailto:cla18@humboldt.edu), x3670), the department chair, Gregg Gold ([gjg14@humboldt.edu](mailto:gjg14@humboldt.edu), x5261), or the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research at [irb@humboldt.edu](mailto:irb@humboldt.edu).