

Behavioral and Social Sciences Department, Southern Arkansas University Research Exposure Requirement—Psychology Participant Pool “Blue Sheet”

The Behavioral and Social Sciences Department requires that students enrolled in Psychology 2003, General Psychology, gain first hand experience in research by: (1) being part of a research experiment, and/or (2) reading and evaluating original research articles in psychology. Details about these two options are given below.

The purpose of this requirement is to provide students with direct exposure to the conduct of psychological research, so that they can learn more about **how** psychologists learn about human behavior. The field of psychology continues to evolve at a rapid rate due to the intensive research going on in all areas of the field. Exposure to research thus provides you with a better appreciation of the process of expansion of our knowledge base in psychology.

This information is being given to instructors and students in General Psychology, and researchers who are seeking to recruit participants for research. If you have any questions concerning the Policies and Procedures described below, please contact the department chair, Dr. Deborah Wilson (djwilson@saumag.edu).

Policies and Procedures for Human Research Pool

Students in General Psychology (Psychology 2003) are required to gain exposure to the research process in order to learn more about the field of psychology. Students may elect gain exposure by one or both of the two methods below:

- (1) be part of research experiments being conducted within the department,
and/or
- (2) read and write a critique of research journal articles.

**This assignment must be completed by the last day of class for the semester!
Do NOT wait until the last minute because all experiments might be complete!**

Note that completion of the research requirement involves earning three credits in total. Students are free to ‘mix and match’ between the two options above (e.g., doing all credits through participation in experiments, doing all credits through reading journal articles, participating in both experiments and articles).

Option 1: Participate in a Research Study

If you are under 18 you must have the Parental Permission Form signed and returned to your instructor prior to participation in any research studies. This form can be found on the Research Participation web page linked below. Not all experiments allow participants under 18 years old.

Descriptions of research studies that are eligible for credit can be found at the Research Participation web page:

<http://sites.saumag.edu/bssexperiments/> or tinyurl.com/bssexp

Listed studies have been reviewed by the Southern Arkansas University Institutional Review Board to ensure compliance with ethical guidelines. The studies will also have been approved for use of the Human Research Pool. **You can only receive credit for studies that are approved and posted on this site.**

Ordinarily, you will sign up for a study based on the fact that the time scheduled for the study is one that fits into your schedule. Some studies also ask you to provide a phone number where you can be contacted. **Be sure to write down the time, date, and location of the study and show up at the appointed time.** Take note of the following conditions:

1. If you cannot attend a session that you signed up for, please cancel your session online up to 24 hrs before the study.

