



Parental permission form

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Behavioral and Social Sciences Department at Southern Arkansas University gives students enrolled in Psychology 2003, General Psychology, exposure to the psychology research process by: (1) being a participant in research studies, and/or (2) reading and evaluating original research articles in psychology.

The purpose of this requirement is to provide students with direct experience in the conduct of psychological research. The field of psychology continues to evolve at a rapid rate due to the intensive research going on in all areas of the field. Experience with research thus provides the undergraduate with a better appreciation of the process of expansion of our knowledge base in psychology.

A student who chooses the first option (serving as a participant in a research study) enrolls for experiments. Students are informed about what is expected of them before they begin a research study. Students are not obligated to participate in any research study, and can withdrawal from a study at any time once beginning a study. A student's participation and information provided in a research study is confidential.

Please sign below if you give permission for your child to participate in the psychology research studies at SAU. All studies are reviewed for ethical compliance, and approved by the Southern Arkansas University Institutional Review Board (IRB) prior to the recruitment of participants. If you have any additional questions, please contact the Behavioral and Social Sciences department chair, Dr. Deborah Wilson, at djwilson@saumag.edu or 870-235-4324.

Student's Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian's signature _____ Date _____