

## Research Experience in Psychology Assignment General Psychology PSY 1180

Overview: Research is an integral part of psychology. During this course, you will be given an opportunity to learn firsthand about research in psychology by participating in research studies or by reading research articles. You are required to gain 5 research experiences this quarter. Each one is worth 1% of your course grade, for a total of 5%. You can do **any combination** of these activities.

The Research Activities: You may gain experience in psychological research in two ways. You may participate in a research study or you may read and summarize research articles placed on course reserve by your instructor.

- **Research Participation:** As described in the informed consent of each study, your participation in each study is completely voluntary. Any information you provide will be kept strictly confidential. There will be multiple studies running during the quarter. Some of these studies are surveys on the web, or surveys on paper to be completed outside of class time and returned on another day. For other studies, it is possible that you will need to meet with an experimenter at a set time and place outside the classroom to participate. The sign-up sheets for them will be posted on the bulletin board outside of this classroom. Descriptions of each experiment will be on the sign-up sheet. You will receive emails or announcements in class informing you about each study.
- **Writing about Current Research:** As an alternative to participating in the available research studies, you may read and summarize research articles from one of two books, 1) *Forty Studies that Changed Psychology: Explorations into the History of Psychological Research*, or 2) *Annual Editions in Psychology 10/11*. Each article summary counts as one research experience. These two books will be placed on course reserve in the University library under "General Psychology Readings." Please make sure to return the book(s) when you are done so that others can have access. *Specific details about the assignment are attached to the front cover of the book.* To receive credit, you must read an article (i.e., one chapter) from either of the two books and provide a typed, proofread 2 page summary of the article, including your own thoughts and reflections about the article.

**You must submit your summaries to me (Dr. Craft), not your instructor. *Late papers will not be accepted.* Do not wait until the end of the quarter to do this...you will have difficulty checking out the books as everyone else will be rushing to do the same thing.**

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