PARTICIPATION IN EXPERIMENTS

Students in PSY 392 have the opportunity to earn up to 5 extra credit points for participation in research sponsored by the Department of Psychology, or to complete alternative assignments as detailed in the syllabus. One percentage point towards the final grade will be allocated for each hour of research participation a student completes. All necessary information regarding the experiment participation option is explained at the following website: http://psychology.illinoisstate.edu/research/students.shtml. **It is your responsibility to go to this website and watch the web tutorial** (a quick-reference pdf is also available for download at this website).

If you join the class after the first week and wish to participate, please contact Dr. Meyers (abmeyer@ilstu.edu) with the following information: First Name, Last Name, Course(s) you wish to use your credits in, and your User ID (your ULID).

Students who do not wish to take part in research, or who cannot take part due to conflicts, may perform alternative written assignments. Guidelines for these alternative assignments are explained in the syllabus.

If you choose to participate in research projects, you must sign up for individual research sessions using the Sona Systems sign-up program. The web address is <https://ilstu.sona-systems.com/.>

a) User ID: The user id is the same as your ULID. *Example: jsmith (from email jsmith@ilstu.edu)*

1. Password: The password will be generated by the Sona Systems program early in the second week of the semester and sent to your ISU e-mail account (*Example: jsmith@ilstu.edu*). Please check your ISU e-mail and let the Experiment Coordinator [[jccutti@ilstu.edu](mailto:jccutti@ilstu.edu)] know if you do not receive a password from Sona Systems by the end of the second week of the semester.

Even if you do not plan to participate in experiments at the beginning of the semester, you are advised to try logging in to the system.

You may cancel your participation in an experiment by following the instructions on-line in the Sona Systems program twenty-four hours in advance of the experiment session. Failure to do so will result in an “unexcused no show.” In the case of a dire emergency, you may directly contact the researcher or the Experiment Coordinator for consideration in rescheduling the session.

You will have access to your participation history for the semester and be allowed to manage the allocation of your credits to their courses that are allowing research participation credit. Following your participation, researchers will award you the appropriate credit for the study. You will receive an automated e-mail notification of their credit.

**CONSEQUENCES FOR MISSING AN EXPERIMENT**

You will be given an “unexcused no show” for each of the following infractions:

(1) Every failure to show for an experiment for which you signed up (unless excused).

(2) If you are late for the experiment. **Many experiments have a strict schedule and if you are late you will not be able to participate**. Avoid this problem by arriving 5 minutes early.

If it is found that you have been given “unexcused no shows” for missing 3 or more experiment sessions, **you may be denied access to the Sona System**. You must then use the Alternate Projects option to fulfill this course requirement. If you are denied access to Sona, you may be allowed to regain access to the Sona System under a limited amount of circumstances, but you will need to file an appeal at the following email address: [jccutti@ilstu.edu](mailto:jccutti@ilstu.edu). This appeal must be a polite and professional essay that outlines the reasons for your missing the experiment sessions and a compelling reason why you should be re-admitted to the Sona System. **Any rude or unprofessional content will not be tolerated and you may be reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action. When in doubt—be polite!**

Various experiments are scheduled throughout the semester and are run until the last day of classes, but not during finals week. You should plan to complete your research participation before that date. Also, all alternate projects must be turned in by [insert your deadline].