School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences
Research Exposure Credit Requirement
SPRING 2015

Deadline for Research Credits – SPRING 2015: Saturday, May 2, 2015

This requirement applies to all students (both majors and non-majors) enrolled in the courses listed below:

This class is a behavioral science core class. You are required to earn two Research Exposure Credits (REC) for each behavioral science core course you are enrolled in for a maximum of six (6) total credits each semester. These requirements must be completed by the last class day, Saturday, May 2, 2015, or your course grade may be adversely affected.

PSY 2301 Introduction to Psychology
PSY 2317 Statistics for Psychology
PSY 3310 Child Development
PSY 3331 Social Psychology
PSY 3360 Historical Perspectives

PSY 3361 Cognitive Psychology
PSY 3392 Research Design & Analysis
PSY 2314 Lifespan Development
PSY 4343 Abnormal Psychology

CGS 3325 Historical Perspectives
CGS 2301 Cognitive Science
CGS 3361 Cognitive Psychology
CLDP 3310 Child Development
CLDP 2314 Lifespan Development

Details for completing the requirement may be found in the BBS Information Center on eLearning as well as on the BBS website at http://bbs.utdallas.edu/undergraduate/rec.html. Every student enrolled in this core course will also be enrolled in the BBS Information Center on eLearning. The BBS Information Center can be found on eLearning under the “Organizations” tab. If you are not able to access the BBS Information Center or seeing the BBS Information Center on your eLearning classes, please contact eLearning or Joanna Gentsch, jgentsch@utdallas.edu so that you may be enrolled.

You have TWO options to complete the research requirement. These options are described below:

1. **Research Participation:** Take part in an experiment as a participant (option 1), in a research lab or by completing online questionnaires; there is no maximum on research participation and credits obtained this way may be carried over into future semesters. For instructions on how to register for research participation via the online SONA system, refer to the back of this page, or view the video tutorial at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_1OnT2ZU6QQ.

2. **Research Review:** Review a research journal article and write a review summary for each article following the specified guidelines (maximum of 2 credit hours per class, per semester). You will receive 1 hour of credit for each research review summary. Please note that credits obtained via journal summaries are valid only for the current semester and may not carry over to other semesters. Information about journal review submissions and a template outlining paper guidelines can be found in the BBS Information Center (option 2).

Note: You may combine credits from both options to satisfy the requirement

To register to be a participant in a BBS experiment or for other details on completing the research exposure requirement, go to the BBS Information Center on eLearning

Questions about Research Exposure Credits should be directed to Joanna Gentsch, jgentsch@utdallas.edu or Kent Mecklenburg at kentm@utdallas.edu (GR 4.528, 972-883-2360). However, Dr. Gentsch and Mr. Mecklenburg have no information about the experiments, including the number of experiments, when experiments will be offered, etc.

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Instructions on how to register for research participation via the SONA System

Below, you will find detailed instructions on:

1) Creating an Account on the SONA System
2) Logging in to the SONA System

To participate in experiments, please follow these steps exactly:

1) Creating an Account on the SONA System (Note: If you already have an account from a prior semester, skip this section and logon with your existing username and password.)
   - Go to the SONA System Website https://utdallas.sona-systems.com/
   - Click on the small link on the lower left side under [New Participant?] that says “Request an Account Here”
   - Enter your personal information in the account creation form. It is strongly recommended that you complete every field – in the interest of verification and convenience. For your SONA account, you must use your UTD email and user ID. Your User ID = UTD NetID (e.g., abc987000).
   - Click on “Request Account.” A confirmation message will be sent to the email address you entered. Be sure to check your junk-mail filter before reporting a system/delivery error.
   - SONA sends emails to your official UTD email account, i.e. NetID + utdallas.edu
   - You should see a listing of all courses that you are enrolled in that require research participation.
   - If your course is not listed, please contact Joanna Gentsch (jgentsch@utdallas.edu) with your name, course name and section so that it can be added.

2) Logging in to the SONA System:
   - When you receive the email, navigate to the SONA Systems Website, https://utdallas.sona-systems.com/
   - At the SONA Systems site, enter your User ID and Password as specified in the email.
   - To view all of the available studies click on “Study Sign-Up” and you will be able to view the studies that are currently available for you to participate in.
   - If you want to view the available timeslots for a particular study, click on “Timeslots Available” next to the study of interest and then click on “View Time Slots for This Study”
   - To sign up for a timeslot, click on “Sign Up” next to the time you want to participate and you will receive an e-mail confirmation.

For other details on completing the research exposure requirement, go to the BBS Information Center on eLearning.

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