

Extra Credit/Research Opportunities Fall 2008

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 or by reading research articles. You may participate in up to 3 research opportunities this quarter. Each one is worth 2% of extra credit. That means if you do 1, you will have 2% added to your final grade, if you do 2, that will add 4% to your final grade, and 3 will add 6% to your final grade. You can do **any combination** of these activities, but you can only get credit for a maximum of 3. If you do 4 or more you will **not** get more credit.

The Research Activities: You may receive extra credit in two ways. You may participate in a research study or you may read and summarize research articles.

- **Study 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 probably be four studies running this 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 wall 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.
- **Readings:** As an alternative to participating in the available research studies, you may read and summarize research articles from a list developed by the Psychology Department faculty. Each article summary counts as the equivalent of participation in one research activity. The reading is from Annual Editions in Psychology which will be placed on course reserve in the University library under "General Psychology Readings." Please make sure to return the book when you are done so that others can access it. *Specific details about the assignment are attached to the front cover of the book.*

To receive credit, you must read an article from Annual Editions of Psychology and provide a typed, proofread 1-2 page summary of the article, including your own thoughts and reflections about the article (see additional instructions stapled to the Annuals. **You must submit your summaries to me, not your instructor, (turn in to the psychology front desk in Marston Hall). Late papers will not be accepted.**

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