Research Participation Requirement for Psychology 104 and 105 (6% of Final Course Grade)

For students of Psychology 104 and 105 the opportunity to participate in a Psychology research study is an exciting hands-on way to learn about psychological principles and methods of research. As part of your course work, you will be able to serve as a participant in on-line and in-person research studies being conducted by faculty and upper-level students from the Department of Psychology.

Course Requirement

The research participation requirement of your Psychology 104 or 105 course is worth 6% of your total grade for the course. You must participate in at least 3 research studies worth 2% each. There are two types of studies you can sign-up for, on-line and in-person. To receive full credit for research participation, you must participate in both types of studies at least once, which will earn you 4%. To earn the final 2%, you may participate in either another on-line study or another in-person study.

To sign-up for an online account and complete your participation requirements go to:

http://grantmacewan.sona-systems.com/

Failure to complete or show up

If you elect to not complete either a research study or an alternative assignment, you will receive a zero for that portion of your course grade. An absence from a scheduled in-person study may be excused for a verifiable reason, such as illness (doctor's note required). To qualify for an excused absence, you must make an appointment with the Research Participation Coordinator and present your verification for examination.

Lateness

You are expected to show up at least 5 minutes before your scheduled participation is to begin. If you are more than five minutes late for a scheduled appointment for participation, you will not be allowed to participate and you will be marked as a "no-show" on the MacEwan Psychology Research website. The researchers and students put considerable effort into setting up the studies for student participation and they are scheduled to take place during certain periods of time, in reserved rooms. Excuses such as location problems will not be considered.
Cancellations

In the case that you aren’t able to attend an in-person study on the day you signed up for, you may cancel without penalty as long as it is at least 24 hours before the scheduled time. The cancellation can be done via the MacEwan Psychology Research website, once you are logged into your account. After that time you must contact the Research Participation Coordinator. Cancellation emails received after the scheduled study has been conducted will not be accepted.

Consent

All research conducted by the Department of Psychology is carefully screened by the MacEwan University Research Ethics Board. All research must be approved by the ethics board, however, you have the right to give and withdraw your consent to participate in any research study, and to do so without penalty.

Confidentiality

All data collected in these studies is maintained in the strictest confidence. In many studies, names are not collected with the data. In other studies, names are removed from the data after the study is finished.
In all studies, access to the data is strictly limited to the researcher and the senior students who conducted the study. If you’re interested in a study, you can request more information and/or have a summary of the results sent to you. Be aware that you would need to provide contact information in this case but that information would also remain confidential and would not be associated with your responses in the actual study.

If you have any further questions please contact:

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Please include your full name, student@mymail.macewan.ca email address (You may not get a response if you use an external email account as it is University policy to use your student account) and student ID number with any communications. Thank you.