

Psychology Research Activity – Student Handout

Purpose:

In Psychology classes, students are exposed to the results of scientific studies. For students to better understand this research, the UNLV Department of Psychology requires that all PSY 101 students have a direct experience with psychological research.

Website, Registering, and Asking Questions:

- Visit the [Subject Pool website](#) – you must register on the SONA site to earn credits!
- To register, click “SONA” and request a new account for a login and password. Once registered, you can sign up for studies and/or opt out by submitting article summaries.
- A detailed description of how to sign up, along with a review of the procedures, are available in this [Sona instructional video](#).
- Questions or problems? Email the Subject Pool (psychologysubjectpool@unlv.edu).

Requirements:

- PSY 101 students must earn a total of **6 CREDITS** by the final deadline.
- Credits can be earned through any combination of study and credits and credits from the alternative assignment.
- At least 3 credits must be completed by the midsemester deadline.
- For in-person courses only: A maximum of 3 credits can be earned from online studies.

Studies (Online or In-person):

- All psychology studies are approved by the UNLV IRB (ethics committee) and are advertised on the SONA website.
- They range from 0.5 to 9.0 credits – the number of credits roughly corresponds to the expected time commitment for that study.
- Studies can be either online or in-person (typically in a campus lab or classroom).
- Any information collected in studies are kept confidential.
- Please give at least 24 hours of notice to cancel an appointment (do this in SONA or by contacting the experimenter for that study).
- Appointments are easier to obtain earlier in the semester (than near the deadlines).

Alternative assignment:

- Please review the Article Summary Form on the Psychology Sona website. If you choose this option, you must follow the guidelines on that form.

Deadlines:

Midsemester and final deadlines are posted on the website. Because there are a large number of students taking PSY 101 each semester, there are NO EXCEPTIONS to the final deadlines.