

PSYC 001 RESEARCH REQUIREMENT – Fall 2026

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The Research Requirement is administered by the Participant Pool and is separate from the rest of your course. All questions about the Research Requirement should be directed to Lehigh Participant Pool <inpypool@lehigh.edu>, and NOT to your PSYC 001 Professor or TA.

Overview

Many introductory science courses include a lab component. Similarly, Introduction to Psychology has a research requirement to give you firsthand experience with psychological science. You may complete this requirement in one of two ways:

- A) Participate in research studies (Study Participation Option)
- B) Create a video presentation on a psychology topic (Research Presentation Option)

Participating in studies not only helps you understand how research is conducted, but also supports the cutting-edge work in Lehigh's Psychology Department.

A. Study Participation Option

- You will complete 6 hours (6 credits) of research participation over the semester (about 1 hour every other week).
- Studies vary in length; some take less than an hour, others more, and may involve multiple sessions.
- No study awards less than 0.5 hours/credits. You will use the SONA research management system to sign up for studies.
- Detailed instructions for creating a SONA account will be provided in class and by email in the first weeks of the semester.

Responsibilities:

1. Sign up for studies via SONA.
2. Attend all scheduled sessions.
3. Track your progress toward 6 credits in SONA.

Tips to Avoid No-Shows:

- Check your schedule before signing up.
- Cancel at least 24 hours in advance if you can't attend.
- Communicate promptly with the researcher if something unexpected happens.
- Arrive a few minutes early.
- Attendance Policy:
 - If you miss a session without notice (or arrive more than 5 minutes late), it will be marked as an unexcused no-show.
 - After three unexcused no-shows, you will no longer be able to sign up for studies and will receive a course grade reduction ($\frac{1}{3}$ letter grade, e.g., B $\rightarrow$ B-).

B. Research Presentation Option

Instead of study participation, you will:

- Read and review 4 scientific journal articles (3 assigned, 1 you select).
- Choose a topic from a provided list.

- Prepare a 10-minute video presentation summarizing the key findings and explaining how the articles contribute to understanding the topic.
- The video must be clear, well-organized, and accessible to your peers. Detailed topics, guidelines, and deadlines will be provided mid-semester if you select this option.

Getting Started

- Week 2: Participant Pool Coordinators will visit your class to explain the process and answer questions.
- You will also receive an email invitation to register in SONA.
- Complete the Pre-screen survey in SONA and select your option:
 - Study Participation – Begin checking SONA regularly for available studies and sign up for timeslots that fit your schedule.
 - Research Presentation – Full instructions and topics will be provided around mid-semester.