IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PSYCH 1000 RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

As part of this course, you are asked to acquire first hand knowledge about psychological research. There are two ways to do this. One way is to volunteer 12 half-hours of service as a participant in ongoing psychological research during this semester. For each hour of service you will earn points to be applied to your course grade. This means that a portion of your course grade can be earned simply by serving as a participant. The other way to acquire this research participation knowledge is to complete assignments designated by your Psych 1000 Instructor. The research exposure requirement accounts for 10% of your course grade.

Soon after the start of the semester, you will have the opportunity to complete the on-line group questionnaires (you will be able to link there from http://missouri.sona-systems.com and will soon receive an email with further info). By completing the on-line group questionnaire survey, you will receive 2 credits toward research participation. After receiving the notification email, you will have 2 weeks within which to complete the forms. The information provided will later be used by experimenters to contact students to offer credit to participate in further studies. Thus, by completing the on-line group questionnaire survey, you will likely have many more opportunities to participate in other studies [The information that you provide on the Group Questionnaires is treated confidentially. This information is used to pre-select participants based on traits or attitudes that may be relevant to a psychological study. Additionally, any data that you may provide as a participant is also kept confidential and your name is often not attached to your responses or to any measures of your performance in any experimental task.]

Your participation in the Group Questionnaires, as well as your participation in ongoing psychological research is voluntary. If you choose not to serve as a participant then you may earn an equivalent amount of credit by completing assignments designed by your PSYCH 1000 instructor. See your instructor or TA for more information.

YOUR RIGHTS AS A PARTICIPANT

If you have any complaints or are unhappy with your treatment during your participation, you should contact a member of the human research committee or leave a message with the Committee Clerk (psych1000research@missouri.edu; 882-7209).

The current faculty members of the Human Research Committee are:

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Dr. Jeff Johnson
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You may also contact the Campus Institutional Review Board (IRB) at 882-9585.

When you arrive for an experiment, the experimenter will provide a description of the basic procedures or tasks that you will be asked to perform. You will then be asked to give your consent to be a participant. **You are free to leave the session if you are concerned about the procedures at any time during the session without fear of recourse or any other penalty. You may leave the session at any time without the approval of the experimenter.** If you appear at the right time and place for an experiment but the experimenter does not appear (after you wait 10 minutes), you are entitled to receive one credit for that experiment. In such an event, email or call the Committee Clerk (psych1000research@missouri.edu; 882-7209).

Please note in order to receive the proper credit, you must report this event on the same day that it happened.

**HOW TO VOLUNTEER**

A video overview of how to sign up for experiments is available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXw0Aj-rtvc&feature=youtu.be
Please also read the information below.

All Psychology experiments are listed on the Psych 1000 Research Participation Website, located at: http://missouri.sona-systems.com. You must logon at this webpage to receive credits for participating in experiments.

Your user name and password for the website will be automatically created based on the class roster as of the first day of class. Shortly after the start of the semester, you should receive an email to your university email address with your logon and password information.

If you do not receive an email with your Research Participation Logon and Password within the first 10 days of the semester, you should notify The Human Subjects Committee Clerk (psych1000research@missouri.edu; 882-7209) so that he can create an account for you. When you contact us, please include your first and last name, university UserID (pawprint), student number, course section, and university email address.

Throughout the semester, researchers will post a description of their experiments, including the date, time and location of each session. Each description will provide an option for you to signup if there is an available appointment time. In some instances, an experiment may request that you email or call the investigator so that you may be contacted for an appointment. After you sign up for an experiment, you will be sent a confirming email, and some experiments may also send you a reminder email the day before your appointment.
You can view a record of what experiments you have signed up for, and your history of participation, at the website at any time. Most experiments will be conducted in the Psychology Building which is located at the corner of 7th Street and Locust Street at 200 South 7th Street, or Noyes Hall located on South 6th Street between the Engineering Building and Parker Hall. Other studies may be conducted online. Note that only 50% of your total credits may be earned by participating in online studies. This means that only 6 credits may be earned by participating in studies conducted over the internet.

If you have any questions about the time or location of an experiment, see the website.

Note that the website we use to administer research opportunities has very recently released an app for Android phones and tablets and can be downloaded at: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.sona_systems.mobile or simply search for "Sona Systems" or "Sona Mobile" in the Google Play store.

The iOS (iPhone/iPad) version is available at https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sona-mobile/id562898091?mt=8 or can be found by searching for "Sona Systems" or "Sona Mobile" in the App Store.

**HOW TO RECEIVE CREDIT**

You will generally receive credits from experimenters via the website within 1 week of your participation. See the “My Schedule and Credits” option. Each experimenter will give you 1 credit for each half-hour of service as a participant. You need to earn 12 credits to complete your requirement. If you find a discrepancy between the number of credits assigned to you on the web and how many you think you have earned, contact psych1000research@missouri.edu (882-7209).

Note also that although students can participate in as many experiments as you would like, only a maximum of 12 credits from experiments and/or alternative assignments can be earned toward your grade. No extra credit can be earned from participation in experiments or alternative assignments.

**CANCELLATIONS & NO_SHOWS**

When you sign-up for an experiment you are making a commitment to appear and your space in the session is reserved. That means that other students will not be able to utilize that space. Because of this, your commitment will impact your classmates, as well as the researchers, so it is very important that you keep your scheduled session. Do not sign up unless you are sure that you can attend the session. If an emergency arises and you find that you cannot uphold your commitment to attend the research session, then you should call or email the
experimenter AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE your scheduled session in order to cancel your appearance, or cancel via the website. The researcher will then mark you as “excused” from the session (if you cancel by leaving a voicemail message, you should SPELL out your name in your message and also spell out your USER ID. If the experimenter cannot understand your name, then you will not be marked as excused).

Failing to appear on time to your scheduled research appointment wastes time and resources and can negatively impact your classmates’ opportunities to participate in research. Students who fail to cancel their session in advance (an “unexcused” no-show) 2 times will have their sona-systems research participation account limited. Students with a limited account will be unable to sign up for further studies. This means that after 2 unexcused no-shows, you will not be able to sign up for research studies, and will have to fulfill the research component of the course by completing the options designated by your instructor (i.e., writing a series of short papers).

**Note also that students who have ZERO unexcused no-shows will receive one extra credit point toward their final grade.***