

Human Participant Pool (HPP)
STUDENT RULES AND INFORMATION
Fall 2009

Research Participation Requirement

As a class requirement, students enrolled in **Psychology 100, 220, and 230** must earn **4 research participation credits** for each of these classes in which they are enrolled. Each credit involves up to ½ hour of participation.

Penalty for Not Participating in Research

Failure to earn at least 4 credits for each course will result in a ½ step lowering of the final grade for the course (e.g., a student who earned a B in the class, but who has not earned 4 credits, will have his or her grade reduced to a B-; a student earning an A- will have his or her grade reduced to a B+).

Participation in Experiments is Voluntary

If you choose not to participate or wish to discontinue, you are free to do so. However this does not exempt you from the overall research participation requirement. Please see below for instructions on completing an alternate assignment.

Your Rights as a Research Participant

You have the right to receive information about any and all research projects in which you participate. Specifically, at the end of your participation in the project, researchers are required to provide information about the hypotheses/issues being examined, the relevant scientific literature, and how the findings from the research project will add to the scientific literature. If a particular experimenter fails to provide you with this information, notify the Human Participant Pool (HPP) Coordinator. You have the right to be treated in accordance with the American Psychological Association's (APA) standards for the ethical treatment of human participants. If you feel that you have not been treated in accordance with these standards or if you have any other grievance or concern regarding any particular research project or with the research participation requirement in general you may contact the HPP Coordinator (Dr. Russell Jackson in UH 306).

Availability of Research Studies

The Psychology Program and its faculty will make every effort to provide sufficient opportunities for students to participate in research projects. However, we cannot guarantee that sufficient opportunities will be available. We recommend that you check the HPP website <http://hpp.csusm.edu> early and often to maximize the likelihood that you will be able to find studies in which to participate.

Age of Participants

You must be at least 18 years old to participate in experiments. If you will not be 18 by the 4th week of the semester, bring proof of age to Dr. Jackson in UH 306 by September 25, 2009.

Assignment of Credits

You are responsible for assigning the credit to your class or classes. If you are in two classes that require HPP credit, indicate them both on the HPP Scheduling System registration. **You must register with the correct section number** (e.g., 100-02; 220-03). **Without the correct section number, your instructor will not know that you have successfully completed your HPP credits.**

Cancellation by You

If you must cancel your research participation appointment, you must do so at least 120 minutes (2 hours) before it is scheduled or you will **NOT** receive credit and **WILL RECEIVE** a penalty.

Maximum Penalty

Failure to show up for your appointment or to cancel before the two-hour limit will result in the loss of one credit (-1). You will thus be required to earn 2 credits for every 1 credit missed

Cancellation by Researcher

You have a right to be notified in advance if your appointment is cancelled by the researcher/experimenter. If the *Experimenter* does not show within 10 minutes after the appointment time, you have the right to request credit for participation. Go immediately to UH 322 to obtain "No Show of Researcher" form from either the Administrative Coordinator or Department Assistant.

Alternate Assignment

In place of participating in a research study, you may write a 2-3 page summary and critique of a research article **published within the past 6 months** (each summary is worth 1 HPP credit). You must select from the journals listed below.

Attach a copy of the first page of the article to the back of your paper and include your Name, Student ID#, email address, and the Class for which you want credit (including the section number) on the first page of your paper. You may turn in your summaries ANY TIME before 5:00 PM, December 4, 2009, to Dr. Russell Jackson, UH 306.

Academy of Management Journal
Animal Behavior
American Journal of Primatology
Basic and Applied Social Psychology
Child Development
Cognitive Psychology
Computers in Human Behavior
Current Directions in Psychology
Developmental Psychology
Ethology
Health Psychology
Infancy
Infant Behavior & Development
Journal of Comparative Psychology
Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology

Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology
Journal of Experimental Psychology: General
Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition
Journal of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Identity
Journal of Memory and Language
Journal of Organizational Behavior
Journal of Occupational Health Psychology
Journal of Personality and Social Psychology
Merrill-Palmer Quarterly
New Directions in Child Development
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
Psychological Science
Psychology of Women Quarterly
Sex Roles

Note that these summaries must be of **empirical articles** (i.e., those that have an Introduction, Method, Results, and Discussion) and not review articles. Do not turn in summaries you have used for your courses as this is considered cheating (see information on academic honesty in the *General Catalog* and online CSUSM resources).

HPP TIMELINE FOR FALL 2009

September 24, 2009	You must be registered on the HPP Scheduling Site by this date (even if you do not sign up for studies by that time)
September 25, 2009	Last day to bring proof of age if you will not be 18 years old by the 4 th week of the semester. You must bring proof of age (e.g., driver's license, birth certificate) to Dr. Jackson in UH 306
December 4, 2009	Last day to turn in any alternate assignments (these are the summaries of empirical articles for which you can get HPP credit instead of participating in experiments). See above for complete instructions. Due by 5 p.m.
December 11, 2009	Last day to participate in experiments for HPP credit

USING THE ONLINE HPP SCHEDULING SYSTEM

Introduction

The HPP Scheduling System provides an easy method for you to sign up for studies and track your progress through the semester. Everything is done through the software's web-based interface, so you can access the system at any time, from any computer, with a standard web browser.

Requesting an Account

Go to <http://hpp.csusm.edu> where you will see a link on the front page (lower left side) of the site to request an account. Click the link, and you will be required to provide some very basic information, including the **course AND correct section number** to which you wish to apply the credit. You then will receive an email notification immediately with your login information.

- User name is your CSUSM email address—but **don't include @csusm.edu**—it is already there.
- The email notification will include login instructions for the system.
- You will be assigned a default password, which you can change after your first login.

Logging In

Once you have your login information, go to the front page of the site and enter your user ID and password to log in. Once you log in, you will be asked to review and acknowledge CSUSM's Institutional Review Board's (IRB) policy for research. After you complete this task, you will see the Main Menu. Your login (also known as a session) will expire after a certain period of inactivity, usually 20-60 minutes. This is done for security purposes. If this happens, you can always log in again.

Logging Out

When you are done using the system, choose Log Out from the toolbar on the left side to log out. You are now logged out. It is always a good security measure to close all your browser windows as well, especially if you are using a computer that is shared by others.

Retrieving a Lost Password

If you have forgotten your password, you may choose to have your password emailed to you. You will see an option on the front login page. Your password will be emailed after you submit the form, and should arrive in your email box momentarily.

Changing Your Information

If you would like to change the information about yourself, choose My Profile from the top toolbar.

Viewing Studies

You may view studies and sign up for those that interest you and for which you meet any special requirements. To view a list of studies, click on Studies from top toolbar. You will see a list of studies. A brief description of each study will be listed, as well as any special requirements that may restrict your eligibility to participate in the study. Studies that currently have available participation times (timeslots) will have "TIMESLOTS AVAILABLE" listed next to the name of the study. To view more information about a study, click on the name of the study.

Two-Part Studies

Some studies are two-part studies, for which you must sign up for both parts of the study at once, and the two parts must be scheduled a certain number of days apart. These studies will be clearly marked.

Online Survey Studies

Occasionally we have studies that may be online survey studies. If you sign up for one of these studies, you will be taken immediately to the survey. As soon as you complete the survey, you will receive credit. You may withdraw from the survey at any time. If you withdraw, you will not be granted credit immediately, but the researcher will be sent a notification and they may grant you credit later.

Signing Up For Studies

To sign up to participate in a study, find the study you would like to participate in (see Viewing Studies in this documentation).

- Click on the study name for more information. You will see a list of any special restrictions or eligibility requirements, as well as a contact person if you have questions about the study.
- Some restrictions are automatically enforced by the system. If the study has certain prerequisites or disqualifiers (e.g., studies you must *not* have participated in to participate in this study), those will be listed, as well as a note about whether you meet those eligibility requirements.

- The study may have other restrictions listed as Subject Restrictions. An example of a Subject Restriction is “Left-handed people only.” If listed, then the system does *not* enforce this restriction, but you should only sign up for the study if you meet this restriction.
- If you sign up for the study and you do not meet the restrictions, you will not receive credit for the study, and will have a penalty (-1).
- Once you have determined you meet all the requirements, click on “View Timeslots for This Study” and you will see a list of available timeslots.
- Choose a timeslot that is convenient for you, and click Sign Up.
- After you click Sign Up, you will see information displayed confirming the time and location of the study in which you plan to participate.
- You will receive an email confirmation as well. You are now signed up for the study. To cancel your sign- up, see Canceling a Sign-Up below.

Canceling a Sign-Up

If you need to cancel a timeslot you have signed up for, you can do this from the My Schedule and Credits page.

- Choose the My Schedule/Credits option from top toolbar. You will see listed all the studies you have signed up for, as well as those you have completed (see the Tracking Your Progress section of this documentation for more information).
- Studies you have signed up for that you are allowed to cancel will have a Cancel button next to them. There is a two-hour (2) time limit before the study is to occur, after which it is too late to cancel.
- Once you click Cancel to cancel your sign-up, you will see a confirmation page.
- You will also be warned if your cancellation might affect your ability to participate in other studies you have signed up for, due to pre-requisite restrictions. If the cancellation will affect your ability to participate in another study you are signed up for, it is *your* responsibility to deal with this issue (usually by canceling the other study as well). The system will warn you, but will not block the cancellation.
- Click “Yes” to cancel your sign- up, and the sign- up will be cancelled immediately. If you cancel the first part of a two-part study, the second part will also be cancelled. If you cancel the second part of a two-part study, the first part will *not* be cancelled, but you will need to ask the researcher to sign you up for the second part again, if you would like to participate in it at a later date.

Tracking Your Progress

You may track your progress at any time by choosing the My Schedule/Credits option from the top toolbar.

- When you view this page, you will see at the top a list of the number of credits you are required to earn, and how many you have earned so far. You may also have an option to view how many credits you have earned for each course. Below that, if you have signed up for any studies, those are listed as well.
- In the list of studies, you will see information about your credit status.
- If you fail to appear for a study, you will be assessed a penalty (-1). That will be displayed in your progress, and the penalty will be deducted from your current credit earnings. It is possible you might end up with a negative value for the number of credits you have earned.
- Next to each credit or penalty, you can also see any comments the researcher left regarding the study and your credit for it.
- Non-study credit is also listed, when applicable. Non-study credit is granted for writing a paper for the alternate assignment.

Reassigning Credits

If you belong to multiple courses, you may reassign a credit from one course to another.

- To do this, simply use the Reassign link that appears when you view your progress. The link appears under the course entry for each item in your progress listing.

Trouble with the System? Contact: hppadmin@csusm.edu (Be sure to fully explain your problem in your email), speak with your professor, or come to Dr. Jackson’s office hours.