

Psychology 100-005  
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Psychology 100, Basic Concepts in Psychology, is an introduction to psychology as a scientific discipline. The text is Psychology: Science, Behavior and Life, by Ettinger, Crooks and Stein (3rd edition). There are three tests, plus a final, each worth 24% of your grade. These tests are not cumulative. Each student is responsible for completing five research hours by either participating in a research project or a lecture describing such work. Sign-up sheets for the research are on a bulletin board in King Hall near the Psychology Department. For each research hour 1% will be added to your final average, up to a maximum of 5%. Make-up tests will be allowed only with documented proof of an emergency.

I reserve the right to change information on the syllabus if necessary. It is the responsibility of each student to keep him/herself informed as to any changes.

## Summary of Psychology 100 Research Participation Requirement

To encourage experiential learning about research at an early point in the Psychology curriculum, research participation (or a comparable research-related alternative) will be required of all students in Introductory Psychology (Psychology 100). The following summarizes your responsibilities in this process. In addition, you are invited to obtain a copy of the GUIDELINES FOR PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT RESEARCH PARTICIPATION from the Psychology Department Main Office which provides a detailed account of the rules procedures for Psychology student research participation, including the responsibilities of researchers, instructors, and students in this process.

### Overview of Psychology 100 Requirement and Student Responsibilities

1. All students in Psychology 100 courses will be required to participate in a minimum of five hours of psychology research being conducted at CMU (or the comparable alternative non-participatory lecture alternative) during the semester they are enrolled in Psych 100. Those students who do not complete the required five hours of research participation will be penalized 2 percentage points for each hour not completed (e.g., up to a total of a 10 percentage penalty toward their final grade).
2. Students are responsible for checking the Subject Sign-up Board near the Psychology Department Main Office in David King Hall for research participation opportunities (and non-participatory lecture alternatives). It is important to check the board regularly, beginning early in the semester, because most studies are conducted for only part of the semester. Students are strongly encouraged NOT to wait until the last few weeks of the semester because there may not be enough opportunities at the very end of the term.
3. Students are required to show up for experiments or lectures that they have signed up for. Students who do not show up for experiments for which they signed up will receive a 1-credit penalty. Researchers will submit a No-Show Penalty form to the Undergraduate Research Coordinator and this will be recorded along with credit for completed participation. For example, if you fail to show up for one experiment, you will then be required to complete 6, not 5, hours of research (or equivalent non-participatory lectures). If a student signs up for an experiment and, for some reason, is unable to make the time appointed or decides against participation, (s)he must provide, to the researcher or designated contact person, a minimum of 24 hours notice to avoid the penalty. (Phone numbers for the researcher or designated contact person will be included on the experiment sign-up sheets.)
4. Students are responsible for submitting the Research Participation Forms (and Research Participation Feedback Forms) to the box adjacent to the Subject Sign-up Board near the Psychology Department Main Office in David King Hall. On the basis of these forms, the Undergraduate Research Coordinator will keep a record of each student's research participation activities. Note: It is the student's responsibility to keep track of and turn in these forms. (Researchers are under no obligation to replace lost forms.)
5. Students who have any questions or concerns are invited to speak to the Undergraduate Research Coordinator (whose name and office hours are posted on the Subject Sign-up Board) or to Dr. June Tangney.