

Outside Activity Requirement for Psychology 200, 250, 309, and 310

Policy

As a student in one of these courses you are required to earn 6 units in outside activities. Completion of the course requires earning all 6 units. Failure to complete the required units will result in a reduction of your course grade by one letter grade. You may earn these units in any of the following ways:

1. Participate in research conducted by psychology undergraduate or graduate students, or faculty, and complete a follow-up assignment as required by your instructor. See other side for how to sign-up for studies.
 - If you participate in an on-line survey, you will earn:
 - 1 unit for each 1 hour of participation
 - ½ unit for each 30 mins of participation
 - If you participate in an in-person study, you will earn:
 - 2 units for each 1 hour of participation
 - 1 unit for each 30 mins of participation

2. Participate in mock clinical interviews and assessments conducted by psychology students, and complete a follow-up assignment as required by your instructor.

2 units per hour; 1 unit per half hour or less

3. Attend a colloquium or presentation (for example, the Chautauqua lectures) approved by the professor, and complete a follow-up assignment as required by your instructor.

1 unit

4. Other activities as offered by the instructor.

Unit worth will vary depending on activity

All written summaries/reactions will be graded on a pass/fail basis.

Please Note: If you participate in 5 units of research (option #1 above) without receiving a no-show penalty (not showing up for a study and not informing the research 24 hours in advance), you do not have to complete the sixth unit.

Persons under the age of 18 cannot provide informed consent and therefore cannot volunteer as research participants for most studies at EKV. If you are not yet 18, please contact your instructor about alternative ways of earning outside activity credit -*do not sign up for any research studies.*

Information about Participating in Research or Interviews

Your rights as a participant

1. You have a right to discontinue participation in a study or interview if, after it is explained to you, or after you begin, you find it to be objectionable. You will NOT be penalized for conscientious refusal to participate. That is, although you will not receive credit for participation, neither will you receive an "unexcused absence".
2. At the end of each study, the researcher will provide you with information about the research, including references for further reading. Feel free to contact the researcher if you have any questions or would like to know more about the study. Researchers welcome reactions and questions from students interested in their research.

Procedures for participation in research

In order to sign up for research or mock interviews/assessment for outside activity credits, you must be at least 18 years of age and go to

<http://eku.sona-systems.com/>

The first time you go to the site, you need to create your own account by clicking below "New User?" Follow the instructions by creating a login and password, adding an (optional) alternate email address, AND BE SURE TO SELECT THE SECTION OF EITHER 200, 250, 309 OR 310 YOU ARE ENROLLED IN FROM THE LIST PRESENTED. Be sure you select the correct section. Check for your instructor's name and the time of the class. There are many sections of some courses.

If you are enrolled in more than one course that allows you to participate in research, you must email psyresearch@eku.edu to get both sections associated with your account.

In order to receive credit for participating in research, you MUST bring your 5-digit **ID code** (from the participation sign-up system, it's in your profile in your account--**this is NOT the same as your ECU ID**) with you to the in-person studies. The researchers need this number to award you credit for participation.

Once your account is established, and after you have read some important information about privacy and ethics, you can begin to sign up for research if you are at least 18 years of age. To sign up for research, click on "Study Sign-Up" and browse the available study descriptions and times.

For online studies, you will be asked to complete the study immediately after you sign-up.

For in-person studies, you will be asked to sign-up for a timeslot offered by the researcher that fits your schedule.

Once you have found a study that looks interesting and/or fits your schedule, click on that link to select the timeslot. You should receive email confirmation of your sign-up shortly. If you have to cancel your appointment, you must do so at least 24 hours in advance, by clicking the

cancel link for that particular appointment. If you do not show up for your appointment without canceling at least 24 hours in advance, you will receive an UNEXCUSED ABSENCE. In this case you must make up the unit(s) you missed, plus an additional ½ activity unit. It is very important for researchers and interviewers that you show up for activities you have signed up for, or that you give advance notice of your inability to attend. So please be careful to select studies that fit your schedule.

You can track your progress toward completing this requirement by logging into your account. If you forget the time or location of a study you signed up for, you can always get that information from logging in to your account.

If you have problems using the research sign-up system or questions about it, please email psyresearch@eku.edu.