

Psychology Research Program (PRP)

Research Requirement for PSY 1013 & 1021

Each student in PSY 1013 General Psychology and PSY 1021 Careers in Psychology must obtain 8 PRP credits. **STUDENTS WHO FAIL TO FULFILL THIS REQUIREMENT WILL BE DOCKED ROUGHLY 10% OF THEIR GRADE.** The deadline is the last day of classes for the semester, before Reading Days start.

Note: Students enrolled in both PSY 1013 and PSY 1021 during the same semester will only need to complete 8 credits, total, and should assign them to their General Psychology course—however, they **MUST** email the PRP Assistant at PRPatMSU@gmail.com, notifying them that they are enrolled in both classes. This must be done within the first two weeks of the semester.

What's in it for me?

Benefits of PRP participation to students include:

- Course credit
- First-hand experience with psychological research procedures
- Information about treatments and/or interventions
- Interaction with faculty and graduate students

What types of activities will I be doing?

The PRP houses many different types of experiments and activities. Your options include:

- Participating in a research study, either in a lab or online
- Completing a research-based alternate activity, such as attending a research talk, helping with student-led research projects, attending and

rating a graduate student's practice lecture, or reading a research article and passing a quiz on the article

- Participating in a simulated clinical psychology experience (this includes mock psychological evaluation or psychotherapy training practice for graduate students).

How do I earn these credits?

1. Log in to the PRP website (<http://msstate.sona-systems.com/>) using your MSU NetID for the username, and your 9-digit MSU ID number for the password.

[Note: If you registered for your class later than the first day of class, you may need to request an account. Do this by clicking "**Request an Account Here,**" on the lower-left side of the web page.]

2. If this is your first time logging into the system, you will be asked to complete several pre-screen questions. Be sure to answer these as accurately as possible, as this helps to determine which research opportunities you are eligible for.
3. After logging into your account, click the "**Study Sign Up**" or "**Studies**" tab. This will list all of the available experiments and research alternatives. You may click on the name of an activity both to learn more about it and to choose to participate in that activity.
4. For in-person studies, be sure to write down the date, time, location (building and room number) for the study. The Psychology Main Office will not have this information. It is therefore your responsibility to record this information.
5. If you must cancel an appointment, you may do so by clicking the "**My Schedule**" tab after logging into the PRP system, and clicking "**Cancel**" under that research activity. You must cancel an appointment at least 24 hours in advance. **If you do not cancel in time, or if you do not show up at**

least 5 minutes BEFORE an activity is scheduled to begin, you will not receive credit and instead will receive a “no show.” If a student receives three or more “no shows,” he or she will be restricted to only signing up for research alternatives, such as quizzes.

Frequently-Asked Questions:

- **How do I know how many credits I’ve done?**
Log in to your account and click the “My Schedule/Credits” tab.
- **Why don’t I see more studies?**
Experiments are completed and new ones added throughout the semester. Keep checking back. It is your responsibility to be working towards completing your credits THROUGHOUT the semester, so that you are able to meet the requirement.
- **What if I have a disability that makes it difficult for me to complete the research requirement?**
If you have a disability that would make it difficult to complete the research requirements through the PRP (e.g., are visually impaired, hearing impaired, or unable to climb stairs) notify your instructor and contact the PRP assistant at PRPatMSU@gmail.com BEFORE THE START OF THE SECOND WEEK OF CLASSES, in order to make arrangements for completing this requirement.
- **Where was the experiment being held, again?**
You may find information about the experiments you signed up for under the “My Schedule/Credits” tab (see below). It is your responsibility to write down all pertinent information related to your scheduled experiment, as the Psychology staff will be unable to retrieve this information for you.
- **Can I get extra credit?**
Many instructors will offer extra credit if you complete over and above the required 8 PRP credits for your course. Check your syllabus or ask

your instructor for further information, to see if this is offered in your section.

- **What if I have more questions?**

If we didn't cover your question in this document, please contact us at:

PRPatMSU@gmail.com.