

**INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY (PS101) AND INTRODUCTION TO
PSYCHOLOGY –HONORS (PS101H)**

WHAT AM I GETTING OUT OF PARTICIPATING? This experience of participating in research aids in informed decision-making about the nature of psychological research and its potential impact on those participating in the study, as well as those whose lives are affected by psychological research. Any number of students who've participated in research may serve as future members of research ethics boards. Having been a participant would most likely give those individuals greater insight into the research process and associated risks than if they had not participated at all.

Students currently taking Introduction to Psychology may find themselves, at a future date, making decisions about research taking shape at their workplace, in local school settings, in their local communities, and a host of other settings. The experience is potentially beneficial in helping any individual ask different, and hopefully more insightful, questions about research after having direct participation.

Equally important to the process of data collection on the part of the researcher is the Debriefing session. At the end of the study, the researcher explains the actual purpose of the study.

Participants learn that the experience they believe they're having at the time of study may have produced an unanticipated outcome. The debriefing session is used to tie together human behavior and human cognition, which may be opposing or complementary forces.

It should be noted that the participation and library research options are required by nearly all major institutions with accredited programs, public or private, large or small. The research requirement and research studies have been thoroughly reviewed by JCU's Institutional Review Board prior to approval.

HOW? The requirement is met if you earn five credits as a participant, as explained above.

Each time you serve as a participant in a study that requires 15 minutes or less of your time, you will receive ½ credit. If the study takes between 15 and 30 minutes, you will receive one credit.

Studies lasting between 30 and 45 minutes are worth 1½ credits, while studies lasting between 45 and 60 minutes are worth two credits. Most of the studies will be those conducted by students as part of their course in Experimental Design or as independent study projects, but there may also be some studies conducted by the faculty in the department.

WHERE? JCU Psychology website: Experiment Sign-up Procedure

1. By the fourth week of classes, you will receive an email from the "SONA administrator". Go to <http://jcu.sona-systems.com> Use the information you receive to access your account.
2. If you lose your email or login information, use the web address cited above. When the page opens, look on the lower left side, and it will say: "Lost your password? Click here to retrieve it." Click on that link.
3. The next page you see will ask you for your ID – it is your JCU4(sk a)5(c)redits, whilev next pa8ETr Ja

