Psychology Subject Pool – Information for PSY 101 Instructors

The UNLV Department of Psychology requires all PSY 101 students to complete a Research Activity by participating in the subject pool to better understand research. Students can participate in studies (as a participant) or they can choose to do article summaries.

Website and Contact Information:
Visit the Subject Pool website or email the Subject Pool Coordinator (subjectpool@gmail.com).

Student Requirement:
PSY 101 students must complete a total of 6 credits (assigned through the Sona website):
- Credits can be earned through any combination of study and article summary credits.
- A maximum of 3 credits can be earned through online studies.
- At least 3 credits must be completed by the semester halfway point.

All students must register on Sona in order to sign up for studies and for us to track their credits. Because there are a large number of students taking PSY 101 each semester, there are NO EXCEPTIONS to the final deadlines (posted on the Subject Pool website).

Grading:
PSY 101 instructors should make the Research Activity worth 10% of the student's total points. Students who complete less than 6 credits should earn partial credit. Instructors can offer extra credit for completing more than the required credits – if you choose to do this, please clearly describe your policy in your syllabus.

After the final participation deadlines pass (near the end of the semester), the Subject Pool will provide you with a list of credits for your students. Please inform your students right away so that they can resolve any discrepancies or errors.

What Instructors Should Do:
- Include the Research Activity requirement in your syllabus and grading.
- Regularly remind students of the requirement and deadlines (listed on the website).
- Share Subject Pool content (handouts, video, etc.) with your students.
- Refer students to the Subject Pool website and email address.

What Instructors Should NOT Do:
- Accept and score article summaries – these are all submitted to the Subject Pool email and are scored by the Subject Pool.
- Assign credits – this is done by researchers and the Subject Pool.
- If researchers contact you to promote their study or to collect data in your class, we strongly suggest that you do not do this. Students may feel pressure to participate, plus studies conducted in your class will use up valuable class time. Also, saying yes to some researchers might encourage even more researchers to contact you. Please simply encourage students to check the list of studies posted in Sona.