Psychology Research Activity – Student Handout

Purpose:
In Psychology classes, students are exposed to the results of scientific studies. For students to better understand this research, the UNLV Department of Psychology requires that all PSY 101 students have a direct experience with psychological research.

Website, Registering, and Asking Questions:
- Visit the Subject Pool website – you must register on the Sona site to earn credits!
- To register, click "SONA" and request a new account for a login and password. Once registered, you can sign up for studies and/or submit article summaries.
- Questions or problems? Email the Subject Pool (subjectpool@gmail.com).

Requirements:
- PSY 101 students must earn a total of **6 CREDITS** by the final deadline.
- You can participate in (online or in-person) studies posted on Sona, complete article summaries, or have a combination of credits from both.
- At least 3 credits must be completed by the midsemester deadline.
- A maximum of 3 credits can be earned from online studies.
- Due to ethical concerns, if you are under 18 years of age, you may not find many studies for which you qualify (you may have to primarily complete article summaries).

Studies (Online or In-person):
- All psychology studies are approved by the UNLV IRB (ethics committee) and are advertised on the Sona website.
- They range from 0.5 to 9.0 credits – the number of credits roughly corresponds to the expected time commitment for that study.
- Studies can be either online or in-person (typically in a campus lab or classroom).
- Any information collected in studies are kept confidential.
- Please give at least 12 hours of notice to cancel an appointment (do this in Sona or by contacting the experimenter for that study).
- Appointments are easier to obtain earlier in the semester (than near the deadlines).

Article Summaries:
- You can only use articles on the Article Summary form posted on the website.
- Use the UNLV library to locate and download an article. Read the article and then complete the article summary form from the website.
- Use **YOUR OWN WORDS** (plagiarism will be reported for disciplinary action).
- Each article summary (scored as satisfactory) is worth 1 research credit. Unsatisfactory summaries submitted at the final deadline cannot be resubmitted after the final deadline.

Deadlines:
Midsemester and final deadlines are posted on the website. Because there are a large number of students taking PSY 101 each semester, there are NO EXCEPTIONS to the final deadlines.