

## **PSYC 103 Research Requirement: Penalties for Missing Appointments**

Experimenters have usually invested a great deal of time and effort in preparing the study, and much of it is wasted if you fail to keep your appointment. By signing up for an experiment, you are committing yourself to participate in the study and should make every effort to keep your appointment. Also, by signing up and occupying a time slot, you may prevent other interested persons from participating in the research. Of course, sometimes because of illness or other unavoidable circumstances, you may not be able to keep your appointment. In such cases, you should cancel your appointment. Described below are the penalties for failing to show up without attempting to cancel your appointment.

1. The research requirement (designated as ten experiment credits) must be satisfied in an all or none fashion prior to the last day of scheduled classes for that semester. **One may not receive partial credit or points toward their grade for participating in less than the required amount of research.** Therefore, since the research is worth 5 percent of the final grade, a student may not earn 2.5 percent of their final grade by participating in half the amount of the required research. That student would instead receive a zero for not satisfying the requirement.
2. Students must earn two experimental credits prior to about 4/2 in Spring and 10/22 in Fall (that is, about two-thirds of the way through the course). The course instructor reserves the right to penalize students (i.e., deduct a portion of the five percent of their final grade) if they do not earn 2 credits prior to these deadlines. This penalty would be executed even if a student eventually earns ten credits, as 2 credits were not earned before the indicated deadline.
3. Students may use the experiment scheduling web site <http://cofc.sona-systems.com/> to cancel an appointment. Cancellation deadlines vary from experiment to experiment, and students will see those deadlines on the website and also receive an email reminding them of the deadline.
4. Students who fail to show up for an experiment for which they are scheduled (without canceling) must will be penalized 1 credit (approximately a half-hour) of research participation. Students who fail to show up for a second experiment for which they are scheduled will be penalized an additional 1 credit. Also, students who fail to show up for a second experiment will no longer be allowed to sign-up for additional studies and therefore must satisfy any remaining portion of the requirement by completing the journal review alternative.
6. Most experiments end just prior to the last week of class. There is no guarantee that experiments are available to accommodate research participation extremely late in the semester (e.g., the last week of classes or final exam week). Students who procrastinate in signing up for experiments run the risk of having to satisfy the requirement by completing the journal review alternative. When students fail to participant in experiments for this reason and fail to satisfy the requirement through alternative means (i.e., journal review option), they will receive a zero and forfeit five percent of their final grade.