General Psychology Course requirement:
Three experiments and/or reaction papers

General requirement: As part of your regular class assignments, you must participate in experiments or do reaction papers. You can fulfill the requirement by doing any combination of experiments and reaction papers totaling three (including doing only experiments or only reaction papers). Your instructor will describe how to fulfill these requirements. You must be 18 years of age or older to participate in an experiment.

Note: Failure to fulfill the requirement will result in an Incomplete in the course.

Required spacing: We will divide the semester into three, approximately five-week, periods. You can do only one experiment during each period. The periods are as follows: first period runs from January 16 through February 21, the second period is February 24 through April 4; and the last period runs from April 7 through May 9.

Note: Obviously, if you fail to do an experiment during any period, you must do a reaction paper (at any time before final exam week) to fulfill the requirement.

Psychology experiments cover a wide range of tasks for the student; some examples are perceptual judgment, memory, and dating decisions. Experiments are conducted continuously, but you must sign up for a particular place and time.

To participate in experiments:

1. Go to the waiting area on the fourth floor (near elevators) of Bluemont Hall (BH).

2. Check the sign-up table for available experiments.

3. Sign up for an experiment that fits your schedule -- be sure to note the location, time, and experimenter’s name on a pink reminder slip. (A box of reminder slips should be available on the sign-up table, please notify the secretaries in Rm. 492 if the supply is running low.)

4. Show up a few minutes early for your experiment. Failure to show up for your experiment creates an inconvenience for the experimenter and prevents other students from using that time. If for some reason you
cannot show up for the experiment, just mark your name off or, in case of a last minute emergency, call the office (532-6850) with the location, time and experimenter’s name, prior to the experiment in order to cancel. If you do not cancel, you will be required to do a reaction paper in place of that experiment.

**Note on mass testing:**

From time to time, we do experiments or pre-tests which require large numbers of people. On those occasions, there will be an announcement in your class that anyone desiring experimental credit can show up at a particular location at a particular time (often Bluemont 101 at 7 PM). These experiments usually occur on several nights over the semester and people often find them a convenient way to fulfill the experimental requirement.