Fall 2018 Human Subjects

SONA opens September 4, 2018
Last day to participate in or run a study is December 12, 2018 at midnight
Last day to make changes/corrections is December 17, 2018 at midnight

Longer Prescreen for Credit is from September 4th through October 3rd.

1. Go to http://umasspsych.sona-systems.com
2. Register for a new account or log into your old one.
3. Select the course(s) you are taking this semester (to select more than one, hold down the ctrl key).
4. Please use your umass.edu email for your SONA email account.
5. Once signed up the SONA System will send you an email including your password and user information. If you don’t see it, check your SPAM folder.
6. Log in to the system.
7. You will be directed to a short, mandatory prescreen. Once completed, you can sign up for the longer Prescreen.

**Please Note**

Longer Prescreen Information:

For the first month of each semester, a longer prescreen is available to all students enrolled in psych classes that offer Human Subject extra credit. This semester it is available between September 4th and October 3rd for 2 SONA credits. This longer version allows those who complete it to be eligible for a broader array of psychology studies. The longer prescreen is optional and you must sign up for it like you would any other study. Once you do, the SONA system will send a confirmation email. It is recommended to keep this email until confirmation the credits have been granted. The study should take approximately one hour and you will receive 2 SONA credits for taking it. There are no credits for the shorter, mandatory prescreen.

If you do not wish to participate in research studies, there are other ways to earn extra credit in your course. Please speak to your professor to find out about these opportunities.

8. Go to My Profile and change your password to something you will remember.
9. Review any studies that are available and sign up.
   • SONA will send reminders of upcoming studies.
   • Be sure to show up for your appointments. If you cannot make it, cancel your appointment on line 24 hours in advance (or an emergency arises, as soon as possible). 3 no shows per semester will result in a lock out of the system.
   • The ability to earn extra credit through Human Subject Studies is a privilege. If you incur 3 no shows in a semester you will lose the credits you earned and the ability to participate in other studies that semester.