

Fall 2020 Human Subjects

SONA opens **August 24, 2020**

Last day to participate in or run a study is November 20, 2020 at midnight

Last day to make changes/corrections is November 25, 2020 at 4pm

Long Prescreen for Credit is from August 24th through September 8 at 12pm (noon).

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). Please note, some instructors teach more than one course and some courses are taught by more than one instructor.
4. Please use your umass.edu email for your SONA email account.
5. The SONA System will send an email including your password and user information. If it does not show up in the inbox, check the SPAM folder.
6. Log in to the system.
7. You will be directed to a short, mandatory, no credit demographic survey. Once completed, you may then sign up for the "Long Prescreen Fall 2020" study for credit (**see note below**).
8. Go to My Profile and change your password to something you will remember.
9. Review available studies and sign up.
 - SONA will send reminders of upcoming studies.
 - For experiments that are scheduled to occur at a specific time, whether online or in person, please keep scheduled appointments or cancel 24 hours in advance (or in case of emergencies, 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.*

****Please Note****

Long Prescreen Information:

For the first couple of weeks of each semester, a long prescreen is available for all SONA participants. This semester it is available between **August 24th** and **September 8th**. Once this period has passed, there is no way to reopen the long prescreen study. The "Long Prescreen Fall 2020" study allows those who complete it to be eligible for a broader array of studies. This study is optional. In order to participate, you must sign up for it, as you would any other study. Once you do, the SONA system will send a confirmation email. Please retain this email until credit has been granted. There are **no** credits for the shorter, mandatory demographic questionnaire. (The SONA system calls it the prescreen on your dashboard, but it is not the one that alots credit).

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