

Coversheet and instructions for alternative equitable assignments

If you are taking a psychology course in which 1) participation in research-related activities is required or 2) extra credit is offered for volunteering to participate in a research study, you may substitute an alternative equitable assignment instead of participating in a research study. If you have any questions about this policy and how it applies to your specific course, please consult the memo entitled “Details of research participation policy for students” that you should have received at the beginning of the semester and your course syllabus.

The alternative equitable assignment involves reading one of the six brief articles on this website and responding to one or more questions. You can choose to earn either 60 minutes or 30 minutes of credit depending on how many points you wish to receive.

- If you are completing the 60 minute version of the assignment, once you have selected and read the article, provide thoughtful and **legibly hand-written** responses to all four questions listed at the end of the article. Please number each response; however, you do not need to recopy the question. Be sure you begin answering questions after 40 minutes have passed even if you have not finished the full article. If you have not answered all four questions when 60 minutes pass, you may write “60 minutes passed” and stop the exercise.
- If you are completing the 30 minute version of the assignment, once you have selected and read the article, provide thoughtful and **legibly hand-written** responses to the following question found at the end of the article (“Brain Plasticity,” Question #3; “Tricks of Memory,” Question #2; “Creating Normative Messages” Question #3; “Gender Differences in Depression,” Question #4; “Malicious Serpent,” Question #4; “Prenatal Stress” Question #3). Your answer should make reference to the content of the article. Be sure you have begun answering the question once 20 minutes have passed even if you have not finished the full article. If you have not finished answering the question once 30 minutes pass, you may write “30 minutes passed” and stop the exercise.

Once you have completed this assignment, print out this form and **provide all of the information below**.

Staple this form to your written assignment and submit it to the Psychology Departments Main Office (Park Science Center Rm S-173). You can either hand this to Ms. Carrie Brown, the Psychology Department’s administrative assistant, or leave it in the box on her desk. **DO NOT SUBMIT THIS TO YOUR COURSE INSTRUCTOR.**

In all cases, **typed or illegible papers, those without a coversheet, and those that are not stapled will not be accepted.**

Your name: _____

Title of the article: _____
(If you are submitting responses to multiple articles, use a separate cover sheet for each article)

Amount of credit (30 or 60 minutes): _____

In what course would you like to receive credit for completing this assignment?

Course name: _____ (Example “Introduction to Psychology”)

Course instructor: _____ (Example: Professor Turner)

Course number: _____ (Example: PSYC 101)

Course section: _____ (Example: 02)