

Policy for the Recruitment of Research Participants in Knox College Psychology Classes:

1. All students taking Psyc 100 at Knox College may earn extra credit points for participating in studies conducted by Psychology Department faculty or students. Ordinarily, extra credit will also be offered in the psychology courses listed in the Group A and Group B (excluding Psyc 206) categories of psychology courses. The number of points that a student may earn in each course shall be determined by the individual professor, but it cannot be more than 4% of the total points accumulated in the course. Professors may choose to allocate extra credit as “percentage points” toward the final grade in the course rather than as discrete stand-alone points. However, the language below will refer to extra credit simply as “points,” with that term to be defined by individual instructors.
2. Students will earn one extra credit point for a half hour of participation in an online survey and two points for participation in a half-hour laboratory study that requires the student’s physical presence in the laboratory. Participation time is rounded up, such that a study that lasts 15 minutes counts as a half hour long study and a study that lasts 45 minutes counts as an hour long study. Regardless of study length, a student can earn no more than two points for participation in any one study.
3. Students may receive extra credit in only ONE course for participation in a study (i.e., no “double dipping” is allowed); the student must tell the researcher which course he or she wishes to apply the extra credit to.
4. It is permissible for a student to receive BOTH extra credit and monetary or other compensation for participation in a research project.
5. A student who signs up for a lab study and fails to report to the study without having notified the researchers in advance may be “blacklisted” and no longer be eligible for any other extra credit opportunities in that course during that term; implementation of this policy is at the discretion of the instructor.
6. Any student wanting to recruit students from courses that offer extra credit must request the permission of the professor ahead of time and make arrangements for how the students will be recruited. Only those studies that have been approved by the professor are eligible for extra credit.
7. At the conclusion of the study, it is the responsibility of the researcher to present the professor with an alphabetized list of students who participated from the professor’s class. It is also the responsibility of the researcher to clearly state how much time was involved for each student and to specify whether it was a lab study or an online study. All lists must be turned in to the professor by the first reading day.