

# Psychology Out-of-Classroom Activities

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The Department of Psychology believes that out-of-class psychological activities are an important part of the total learning experience. For this reason, all students enrolled in Introductory Psychology (psy100) and Research Methods (psy300) are required to complete two hours of out-of-class activities.

*Option A: Research participation.* As soon as possible, register for a FREUD account at [freud.union.edu](http://freud.union.edu). Check back regularly to find out when and where available experiments will be taking place. After participating in an experiment, make sure that the experimenter signs the “Out-of-Class Activity Participation Form”. You will need to submit the signed form along with a description, typed or handwritten. In your description, you should discuss the purpose or main ideas of the experiment and your reaction to participating in this exercise.

*Option B: Approved lectures or activities related to psychology.* You must get my permission to receive credit for attending beforehand. If the presentation, lecture, or activity is approved by me, you must have the host of the event sign the “Out-of-Class Activity Participation Form”. You will need to submit this signed form as well as a description not to exceed one full typewritten, double-spaced page. In your description, you should discuss the purpose or main idea from the presentation or activity and your reaction to the presentation or activity.

You can mix and match these options, but you must complete three hours of activities. By the end of the course, every hour that has not been completed will result in a loss of eight points out of the 500 possible in the course, up to a maximum of 24 of the possible 500 points, equating approximately 5% of the final course grade.

As always, please see me if you have any questions.