

## Some Additional Information about Psychology Department Enrichment Activities (EAs)

There are two types of Enrichment Activities (EAs). Details regarding each type are listed below.

### Enrichment Option 1: Participation in Psychology Studies

By participating in psychology research studies, you will directly experience some of the procedures used in psychological research while also making a valuable contribution to the generation of knowledge within the discipline. All studies have been reviewed and approved by the university's Institutional Review Board (IRB), an administrative body established to protect the rights and welfare of human research participants.

Some studies may be completed online, while other studies will require you to participate in person at a physical location (usually the Psychology Laboratories in Au Sable Hall). Both online and face to face psychology studies use the Sona Study Scheduling System. If the study requires you to attend a session at a particular location, please arrive before the scheduled time, as studies start punctually. If you sign up for a study session but cannot attend, please cancel your session on-line. Online studies must be completed by the study deadline to get credit.

At the beginning of a study session, you will first be given a description of what you will have to do, and then be asked for your consent before the study begins. If you choose not to participate, you may leave the study without penalty. Once you have completed a study, you can check to see that you have received credit by selecting [My Schedule/Credits](#). Credits are typically posted within 24 hours after completion of a study.

**Optional Prescreen:** The prescreen is a short questionnaire used by some researchers to determine your eligibility for future research. **You must be 18 or older to complete the prescreen survey.** You are not required to complete it but doing so may increase the number of studies you will be eligible for throughout the semester. It will take approximately one-half hour to complete, and you will earn ½ of an EA credit for doing so. You can complete the prescreen at any time from the [My Profile](#) tab on the blue bar at the top of the page. If you plan to complete the survey, please plan to complete it in a single half-hour session.

**Under 18 rules:** If you are under 18, you are welcome to participate in activities marked as Enrichment Activity (EA) option 2: Research Techniques without parental/guardian consent forms on file. To participate in Psychology Department research studies (EA option 1: Psychological Studies), you will need to have your parent/guardian complete a permission form and file it with the Psychology department. Please note that some studies require that you be at least 18 years old to participate. If you are under 18 and have a parental consent form on file, the SONA system will display only those studies without an age requirement. obtain the parent/guardian permission form, please email [psychlab@gvsu.edu](mailto:psychlab@gvsu.edu) to obtain a copy of the parent/guardian permission form.

### Enrichment Option 2: Research Techniques Activities

By completing research techniques activities, you will engage in activities related to procedures researchers use in their psychological research. For example, you may be asked to watch an exchange between two people and carry out behavioral coding of their interaction. In doing these activities you will gain an understanding of the strengths and limits of various

research methods used in psychological science. Research Techniques Activities are listed in SONA Systems along with the research studies. There are no age restrictions on these activities. You may complete each activity only once.

**Need Help?**

If you have questions regarding any aspect of the Enrichment Activities, please contact Ember Tokarski, who can be reached in the Psychology Department Office (2224 Au Sable Hall, 616-331-3262) or by sending an email to [psychlab@gvsu.edu](mailto:psychlab@gvsu.edu).