

## **Screening Week Speech**

As your instructors have told you, one of the requirements in this course is to get 3 hours of experiment participation credit. You sign-up for participation by visiting the Sona Systems website. It is linked from the department website under "Subject Pool." For each experiment there is a brief description of what to expect, how many credits are offered, and a scheduling page for you to sign up for the experiment.

When you first go into the Sona System, it will present to you a series of questions about yourself. You only have to do this once. Answering these questions is optional, but one whole hour of participation credit will be given to you if you do fill them out. These questions are designed to help some of the researchers target a particular population. That is to say, some experimenters are only interested in certain types of people for their experiments (for example, a certain age, medical history, etc.) They will then contact those students and see if they would like to participate in their study.

As was said before, one whole credit hour is given for filling these out, although each question is optional. It is to your advantage to fill them out. Sometimes, it is difficult to get all of the credits you would like, and these researchers may contact you to ask you to participate in their experiment. There is no guarantee that you will be called, so it would be wise to begin signing up for experiments as soon as possible.

Thank you for your participation. You can consider this participation as part of your educational experience in the Department of Psychology, because it gives you a chance to see how psychological research is carried out.