Syllabus Text

Instructors using the research pool as a requirement for COMS course(s), place the following text in your syllabus:

Research Participation Requirement. You will earn 2% of your course grade by either participating in a research study or completing the alternative assignment (journal article summary). To complete this requirement, during the first three weeks of the term, log into the Communication Studies Research Participation System (CSRPS)/Sona System (http://ohio-coms.sona-systems.com/) and complete the prescreening questionnaire (worth 0.5%). You log in to the system with your typical Ohio ID and password. Around the fifth week of the term, you will receive an e-mail that tells you what study you have been assigned to for your research participation. You can choose to participate in the research study or to complete the alternative assignment (both are worth 1.5%). The deadline for your research study participation will be set by the researcher running the study. The researcher will contact you directly about your participation. If you choose to complete the alternative assignment, refer to the instructions on the COMS website (https://ohio.edu/scripps-college/comm-studies/undergraduate/research-participation/alternative-assignment). Please note that this assignment is not extra credit, but is part of your course credit. You will need to complete a separate research study or alternative assignment for each Communication Studies class that requires a research experience. Questions about the research requirement should be directed to the research pool administrator (coms-research@ohio.edu).

Instructors offering extra credit for research participation for COMS course(s), place the following text in your syllabus:

Optional Research Participation Requirement. You can earn 2% extra credit by either participating in a research study or completing the alternative assignment (journal article summary). To complete this requirement, during the first three weeks of the term, log into the Communication Studies Research Participation System (CSRPS)/Sona System (http://ohio-coms.sona-systems.com/) and complete the prescreening questionnaire (worth 0.5%). You log in to the system with your typical Ohio ID and password. About the fifth week of the term, you will receive an e-mail that tells you what study you have been assigned to for your research participation. You can choose to participate in the research study or to complete the alternative assignment (both are worth 1.5%). The deadline for your research study participation will be set by the researcher running the study. The researcher will contact you directly about your participation. If you choose to complete the alternative assignment, the instructions for the assignment are available on the COMS website (https://ohio.edu/scripps-college/comm-studies/undergraduate/research-participation/alternative-assignment). Please note that if you are enrolled in other COMS classes that require research participation, you will need to complete a separate research study or alternative assignment for each Communication Studies class that requires a research experience or offers extra credit for a research experience. Questions about the research requirement should be directed to the research pool administrator (coms-research@ohio.edu).