

### Contract for Use of SONA Research Participation for Course Credit

The Department of Psychology at California State University, San Bernardino, utilizes and maintains student research participation in human research studies via the SONA software system. Instructors in the departments of Psychology and Child Development are eligible to include course credit for their students' participation in SONA research studies based on study availability. Instructors who wish to offer extra credit for student participation in research are required to abide by rules and policies set by the Office for Human Research Protections, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and CSUSB's Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the protection of research participants.

All instructors who wish to offer course credit in this manner must adhere to the following:

1. Only courses at the undergraduate junior level (3399) or lower are eligible to offer SONA credit.
2. Credit must be "extra credit", and not credit required for completion of a course
3. Course credits offered for SONA participation may not exceed 3% of the total course credits/points
4. Students **MUST** be offered alternatives to earn the same amount of course credit as would be earned through research participation. These alternatives **MUST** be equal in time and effort as research participation, and **MUST** be clearly outlined in the course syllabus.

National rules and policies require that participation in research must **NOT** be compulsory and that potential research participants must **NOT** feel pressure to participate in research. Thus, offering course credit for alternative assignments that are equal in time and effort is mandatory.

If you are an instructor in the departments of Psychology or Child Development and wish to offer extra credit for students to participate in SONA research studies, please check the appropriate boxes and sign below.

I acknowledge as an instructor of Psychology/Child Development that if I choose to offer course credit for student SONA research participation, I will adhere to the following (please check):

- My course is a 3399-level course or lower
- Students cannot earn more than 3% of the total course points through SONA participation
- My syllabus contains a clear explanation of how students can earn course credit through SONA
- My syllabus contains a clear alternative for students to earn an equivalent amount of credit via other assignments or activities that require similar amount of time and effort
- I have read and understand the student policies for using SONA and communicate these rules to students in my courses who are offered SONA research credit (<https://www.csusb.edu/psychology/research/sona-information/information-participants>)

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Date