

Applied Assignment Credit (AAC) Guidelines

The purpose of this assignment is for you to read, learn about, and participate in psychological research.

INSTRUCTIONS: You need to earn **eight** applied assignment credits (AACs), which will count for 10% of your total Introduction to Psychology (PSY 1001) grade. You may earn AACs in **two** different ways.

Option 1: Participate in Research

Participating in Psychology research can help you learn about Psychology! Faculty and students in the Department of Psychological Science conduct research projects in different areas of psychology. You have the opportunity to earn AAC credit by participating in these studies. Most studies are as simple as completing an online survey. Other studies are more involved but you get to pick which studies you want to participate in. Each study will earn you between 1 and 4 AAC credits. You will earn 1 AAC credit for each 30 minutes of an **online** survey. You will earn 2 AAC credits for 30 minutes of **in-person** study. You can anticipate participating in 3-6 studies on average to get your 8 AACs and complete the assignment.

Steps to Sign Up to be in a Research Study

Step 1: Go to: <http://msudenver.sona-systems.com>

*Note: If you log in from home, set your browser to accept cookies and allow pop-ups for this site.

Wait until the 3rd week of the semester before logging on! Your login will not work until then.

Step 2: Enter your USER ID (see below) and Password (msudenver).

Your User ID is the first part of your msudenver email address —the part that comes before @msudenver.edu. For example, if sjones@msudenver.edu is your email address, your User ID is sjones.

*Note: If you use another email address, you must still sign in with your school email.

Your password is msudenver (no spaces)

*The first time you log in, please go to Profile and change your password.

Step 3: Answer Prescreen questions when you first log in. You may decline to answer any questions, but that will impact the number of studies you will have available.

Step 4: Click on “View Available Studies.” You will then be able to see all the studies. Click “Sign Up”.

*You may log in anytime to check and/or cancel studies you have signed up for.

*Please make sure that your name is on the list of participants for each study.

*You may only participate in the same research study 1x.

You may not get credit if you are late for an in-person appointment or go to the wrong room.

FAQs

What if I cannot log into SONA?

- Is it the first or second week of the semester? If so, wait till the 3rd week of the semester to have this system set up. After the 3rd week of the semester, send an email from your **MSU**

Denver email, and include your full name, the name of your instructor and the section of your class (e.g., PSY 1001-022) to Lisa Hagan (lkindleb@msudenver.edu)

What if I have to cancel or cannot show up for the research study?

- If you sign up for a time to participate in a study, you must show up or **cancel at least 24 hours before the appointment** on the Sona website. If you miss an appointment, it is considered an unexcused no-show. **If you miss two studies, you will no longer be able to sign up and participate in studies, and you will be canceled out of any future studies for which you had already signed up.**

What if I participated in a study and did not get credit?

- After participating in a study, the researcher will give you a Debriefing Form. The researcher will assign the appropriate number of AAC credits through the Sona website. If the researcher hasn't given you credit within 48 hours of participating, please email the researcher. If you do not receive credit within 24 hours of contacting the researcher, please email Lisa Hagan (lkindleb@msudenver.edu).

What if the researcher did not show up for a scheduled appointment?

- If a researcher fails to attend a scheduled appointment (within 10 minutes), you will still receive credit for participation provided you contact the Psychology Department administrative assistants and email Lisa Hagan (lkindleb@msudenver.edu).

What if there are no research studies available to participate in?

- More research studies will be available at the beginning of the semester. **Please note that very few studies (if any) are available in the last two weeks of the semester.** If no studies are available, you will have to do Option 2 to complete this assignment.

Contact information: For questions regarding logging into SONA or general questions about AACs and study opportunities, contact the Introductory Psychology Coordinator, Lisa Hagan (lkindleb@msudenver.edu). Don't hesitate to contact the researcher for specific questions about a study.

You can also earn AAC Credits by attending approved lectures!

Option 2: Attend a Lecture

You can also earn **3 AAC** credits by attending an AAC-approved lecture and writing a paper summarizing what you learned and how it fits into what you learned in the course. *AI use is prohibited in writing these papers and using AI in writing this paper will result in a zero for the assignment.* This Spring, there are 5 AAC-approved lectures you can attend. You may choose 1 to get 3 AAC credits or you can attend 3 to earn all 8 of your AAC credits. The tentative schedule is below. More details to follow.

Monday, **February** 23 ONLINE

What is Interpersonal Violence? Online lecture via TEAMS @ 2PM-3:15 PM

Wednesday, March 18 ONLINE

Academic advising, a catalyst for success! Online lecture via TEAMS @ 4:30 PM

Tuesday, **March** 24 In-Person and ONLINE

Cutting edge Psychology research In-Person and TEAMS time TBD

Thursday, **April** In-Person Date TBD

MSU Psychology Alumni Award Winner

May ONLINE Date TBD

Stress and Resilience