

PSY 301 OPERA Experiment Registration Instructions

The instructions below explain how to access OPERA (the Online Psychology Experiment & Research Application), browse experiments that you can register to participate in, and sign-up for experiment sessions. **Special Note to AOL Users: The AOL web-browser does not interface with OPERA. If you are an AOL customer use Netscape, Explorer, or some other web-browser to access OPERA.**

To begin, go to www.psy.utexas.edu, click on “Student Resources,” then click on “Psychology 301 Experiments” which is located beneath the heading *Classes*. Next, click on “Experiment Registration” and login with your UTEID and password. You will be given three options. 1) Browse all experiments. 2) Browse registered experiments.

Browse All Experiments

1. If you click on “Browse All Experiments,” a current list of all experiments that you may participate in will be displayed. It will list the experiment name, number day, date, time, and amount of credit you’ll receive for participating.
2. If you click on “View” for an experiment, it will show the experiment information including the name, description, eligibility criteria, time, date, location, special instructions (if applicable), an option to register for the experiment, and the amount of credit you will receive for participating.
3. If you want to sign-up to participate in an experiment you are viewing, you will normally click on “Register” (occasionally some experiments, such as online surveys or prescreening, may have special instructions that explain how to participate in them – read and follow any additional instructions that are provided). **When you register for an experiment, write down the details of the experiment session on your green sheet immediately.** You are responsible for keeping a complete written record of the experiments you are planning to attend. In the event of any technical problems, you will need to refer to your written record for more information about the experiments you’re registered to participate in.
4. You can continue browsing available experiments or return to the main menu by clicking on “User Options.”

Browse Registered Experiments

1. If you click on “Browse Registered Experiments,” a list of all experiments that you have registered for online will be displayed. If you need to go back and look at which experiments you have signed up to attend, use this link and “View” the experiment details. It will list the day, date, time, amount of credit and project names for the experiments you have completed or which are pending completion. It is your responsibility to know which experiments you have signed up to participate in. Before logging out of OPERA, you may want to check this web page and make sure that you have not accidentally registered for an experiment that you did not intend to sign up for.

*****PLEASE NOTE***** Credits for experiments that are a) conducted online, or b) done in response to an invitation based on your Prescreening data, may not appear on your list of Registered Experiments until the end of the semester.

2. To revisit specific information about an experiment you’ve signed up for, such as eligibility criteria and location, click on “View” for the experiment you wish to know more about. By clicking on “View” next to each set of experiment details, you will be able to view additional information about the experiment session. Be sure to check the “Browse Registered Experiments” page periodically throughout the semester to make sure that your credit for having participated in experiments is accruing properly. If something does not look correct, contact the Research Coordinator immediately.
3. To **cancel yourself from an experiment** (which must be done 6 hours or more in advance) click on “View” located next to the experiment that you cannot attend. When the experiment session details come up, click on “Unregister”. You will then see a message saying that you are unregistered from the experiment session. Make sure that you cancel at least 6 hours before your scheduled time or else you will receive a 1.0 hour deduction from your credit total if you do not show.