If you wish, you may participate as a subject in psychology experiments, thereby obtaining additional points toward your course grade. Your instructor will explain how the extra credit points are allocated, and will provide other extra credit options if you do not wish to participate in experiments. Subject participation is sometimes fun and is always a learning experience. If you are under 18, Federal and University regulations require parental permission before you can participate in any aspect of the subject pool. Please contact your instructor, or the Subject Pool Manager for more information.

1. Normally, experiments are satisfactory experiences for both the subjects and the experimenter. However, you are free to withdraw from the experiment at any time and you will receive credit for the amount of time you were present. If you feel the procedures are out of line, write a description of the complaint and the name of the experiment and leave it under the door of Guthrie 122, or email psypool@u.washington.edu with your complaint.

2. If you sign up for an experiment and are not met by the experimenter, you have the right to the credit that your participation would have earned. You must arrive 10 minutes early and wait at least 15 minutes past the time the experiment was supposed to begin. To receive the credit, you must fill out both halves of a yellow form, available from the Subject Pool Manager in Guthrie 122 or outside this office in the form bin. The Manager will then verify with the experimenter that you were not met, and leave a credit slip in the envelope outside 122 or a note explaining why you cannot receive credit (e.g. if you wrote down incorrect time or waiting area).

3. All other credit is recorded using Excel spreadsheets that will be filled out during the experimental session. It is critical that you know your student number plus the class and section that you attend. Some experimenters may regularly fill out the Excel spreadsheets after you leave. You may ask the experimenter to fill out the form in your presence, so that you can make certain the information is recorded accurately. At the end of the experiment, you should receive a credit slip. This is your receipt for participation, and if they are not given out, ask for one. If the experimenter refuses to give you one, come to the Subject Pool office and we will attempt to clear up the problem.

4. Experimenters must provide you with an explanation of the purpose and results of the experiment at the end of your participation. Sometimes results are not available until the end of the quarter, but they should be able to tell you how you can obtain this information. The experimenters will keep the data you provide for them in strict confidence. They are not allowed to release information identifying you in any way without first obtaining specific permission from you.

5. It is your responsibility to be on time to the experiments you sign up for. It is also your responsibility to be in the right place - the experimenter should not have to go looking for you. If you make a mistake in recording the time of your experiment, or the waiting area, you will not receive credit when you miss the experiment.

6. It is your responsibility to keep track of your credit totals. This information will not be available from the Subject Pool Manager until the end of the quarter. Keep your credit slips together, and a record of your experiments so that you will know exactly how many credits you have earned.