

Fall, 2011 York College Research Pool Review

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Background

The research pool provides students in specified courses in Psychology, Social Work, Sociology and Anthropology an opportunity to take part in actual research studies in the discipline by making participation a class requirement. The research pool also provides faculty and advanced students in our departments with participants for research projects. The research pool does this by matching students who are seeking to participate in a research study with researchers who need participants for their studies.

The research pool is a valuable resource for York College students. Participation in a research study is the norm for college and university undergraduates across the country. Now, because of the research pool, our students have the same insights to our disciplines as graduates of other colleges.

However, the greatest advantage the research pool provides is to our faculty and student researchers. Finding people ready to take part in a research study is a daunting task for a researcher in the behavioral or social sciences. In order to facilitate the conduct of research, many schools have implemented a research pool. York's research pool has been an invaluable tool for almost every researcher at York in the behavioral or social sciences. Also, the existence of a research pool demonstrates institutional support for research when writing and securing external grant funding for research.

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The Fall of 2011 began the 5th year that we have been using the SONA on-line management system. The implementation of the SONA system allowed for easier use by students, better security of information and advanced features for the researchers. The purchase of SONA services are funded by a grant from the Student Tech Fee Use Committee.

Students

- 978 students registered on SONA
- 3959 points granted
- 10 Excused No-Shows
- 92 Unexcused No-Shows
- 0 points in penalties

Frequency of point totals earned by students

<u>Number of Points Earned</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>
0	6
1	36
2	99
3	119
4	396
5	216
6	72
7	23
8	9
10	1
11	1

- 260 failed to achieve 4 points (which was the requirement for class credit)
- 978 earned 4 or more credits
- Average credits earned per student with positive credits 4.07

Studies

- 3 in-person studies and 8 on-line studies
 - *Achievement Fall 2011 (online)*
 - *Faith and Morality (online)*
 - *Moral decision making and attributions of responsibility 1 (online)*
 - *Moral decision making and attributions of responsibility 3a (online)*
 - *Moral decision making and attributions of responsibility 3b(online)*
 - *Moral decision making and attributions of responsibility 3c (online)*
 - *Reasons for Unemployment Fall 2011 (online)*
 - *Working under pressure: effects of time constraints on time discounting and the disposition effect(online)*

- *The “MyBook” Project (in-person)*
- *Family incarceration and college student's well-being (in-person)*
- *Weight, body image, and the cultural meaning of food (in-person)*

In addition, 2 make up studies.

- *APA Workshop (in-person)*
- *CITI Program Training (online)*

- 5 York faculty members ran studies
- 2 York faculty members ran a work shop
- 1 York student was involved in running studies

Courses

- 38 courses were involved

Course participation

Course	Number of Students Participating in Pool	Total Number in Class	Percent of Class Participating
Anthropology 101 GKJ	6	54	11.1
Anthropology 101 MN	26	28	92.85
Anthropology 101 S	28	50	56
Anthropology 101 V	27	35	77.14
Anthropology 101 WEB 1	24	25	96.0
Anthropology 101 WEB 2	2	20	10.0
Psychology 102 A	58	54	107.4 *
Psychology 102 C	41	55	74.5
Psychology 102 D	53	53	100
Psychology 102 ESK	54	55	98.18
Psychology 102 G	52	53	98.11
Psychology 102 L	28	55	50.90
Psychology 102 PQ	49	53	92.45
Psychology 102 QRR	50	54	92.59
Psychology 102 W	46	52	88.49
Psychology 102 Y	19	52	36.5
Psychology 102 ZZ	36	52	69.2
Scwk 350/ Anth 220/ Soc 220 MN	20	32	62.5
Scwk 350/ Anth 220/ Soc 220 SV	22	24	91.7
Scwk350/ Anth 220/ Soc 220 T	39	28	39.3
Social Work 101 GKJ	52	54	96.3
Social Work 101 T	38	40	95.0
Social work 360 QRR	30	31	96.8
Social work 360 W	3	20	15.0
Sociology 101 C	50	55	90.9
Sociology 101 D	10	49	20.4
Sociology 101 E	44	54	81.5
Sociology 101 F	34	59	57.63
Sociology 101 G	1	56	1.88
Sociology 101 GHG	41	55	75.55
Sociology 101 GKJ	24	52	46.15
Sociology 101 H	2	53	3.77
Sociology 101 M	48	54	88.9
Sociology 101 MN	51	55	92.7
Sociology 101 PQ	34	37	91.9
Sociology 101 QRR	35	48	72.9
Sociology 101 W	31	55	56.4
Sociology 101 Y	2	53	1.88

The overall average percent of the class participating in the research pool is about 68%. This is 37% more than the overall average participating from the previous semesters.

* Courses that precede an asterisk indicates those students who signup to participate and entered the incorrect class, as a result the participation number exceeds the total number of students in the class.