COMMUNICATION STUDIES 101: INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNICATION STUDIES (3 UNITS)

COURSE SYLLABUS – Spring 2015
Class Meetings: M W F 11:00-11:50 in Hoover 205

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Overview:
Communication Studies 101 is an interdisciplinary course designed to introduce students to classical and contemporary communication theory, the development and functions of communication, and a survey of interpersonal, small group, organizational, and intercultural communication.

Upon completion of Comst 101, successful students will be able to:
- List the different theoretical perspectives guiding research in communication studies
  - For example, given a series of potential theoretical perspectives, students will be able to identify those that have influenced modern communication studies.
- Understand the relationship between cognitive processing and language
  - Describe the relationship between cognitive processing and language

Course Textbook (Required):

Course Website:
https://bb.its.iastate.edu

Course Information Office: W004 Lagomarcino, 294-8065, psychinf@iastate.edu

General questions: The Course Information Office (CIO) is staffed by the TAs for several different large lecture classes. The CIO is open M and F 9-1 and TWT 9-4. The staff are not tutors, but they are prepared to deal with almost any question or problem that might arise about how the course is run. The CIO staff keep track of exam scores; they administer exams missed due to illness or conflicts with night classes; they have exams available for review; they administer quizzes over research papers (option 2); they have copies of the PowerPoint lecture slides available for checkout.

Teaching Assistant/Course Content Questions:
You should discuss questions concerning course content with the professor after class, during office hours, or via e-mail. In addition, Wade Kidner (the ComST 101 teaching assistant) holds his office hours in the CIO and is available to answer course content
questions at that time. He also will answer content related email questions (comst101@iastate.edu) or will forward the questions to the professor. Please note that if an email question requires a detailed response, you may be asked to come to office hours.

**Lecture Notes:**
Some form of the Powerpoint presentations used in lecture will be available on BlackBoard (BB). It is strongly recommended that you print these out before class, so that you can use them to structure your notes.

**Grades will be determined as follows:**

**Exams:** Three in-class exams (during the regular class time worth 40 points each) and one final exam (during the schedule final exam time worth 50 points) will be administered in lecture. All exams will include multiple choice questions drawn from both lecture and text material. Some questions will be on material covered only in lecture, some will be on material covered only in the text, and some will be on material covered in both lecture and the text. Make-up exams are allowed only if you speak with me prior to the exam date and I have agreed to allow the make-up exam. All make-up exams must be scheduled within 1 week of the scheduled exam time. Failure to obtain approval for a make-up exam in advance will result in a zero for that test (except for the most extreme emergencies that are supported by documentation by an appropriate professional).

**Quiz:** There will be 1 quiz based on the syllabus administered via BB. The due date for the quiz will be announced on BB and in lecture. The quiz is “open-syllabus”, but not “open-classmate.” It is expected that you will take the quiz without help from other students in the class. Because I cannot watch you take the quiz, you will ultimately decide how honest you are and how much integrity you have (see section on academic dishonesty). There will be no make-up quiz dates.

**Research Credits:** Research credits can be earned in two ways: by participating in psychology studies and by reading an already published psychology study and passing a short quiz on it (more details are provided on pages 5-6). **Ten (10) research credits are required.** Each required research credit is worth 3 course points; the maximum number of course points that can be earned from required research credits is 30.

Note: Additional research credits (beyond the 10 required research credits) may be used for **bonus course points.** More details about earning bonus course points are found on page 7.

**Course Grade:**
As just described, there are **210 total course points** possible (170 from exams, 10 from quizzes, and 30 from required research credits). Each student's course grade will be determined by dividing the student’s earned course points by the **TOTAL COURSE POINTS** to get a percentage score. Course letter grades will be assigned according to the following percentages:
A = 93% and above  
A- = 89 - 92.9%  
B+ = 85 - 88.9%  
B = 80 - 84.9%  
B- = 76 - 79.9%  
C+ = 72 - 75.9%  
C = 67 - 71.9%  
C- = 63 - 66.9%  
D+ = 59 - 62.9%  
D = 54 - 58.9%  
D- = 50 - 53.9%  
F = 0 - 49.9%

Examination scores are posted after each examination on BB. Scores are usually posted the second class day after an exam. Please do NOT call or email Dr. Blankenship or the CIO to ask if grades have been posted. They will be posted as soon as possible. No information about exam scores will be provided via email or over the phone. If your exam grade is not posted or you believe there has been an error, contact the CIO, 294-8065, psychinf@iastate.edu. You may review your exam along with an answer key in the CIO (Lago W004). Please wait at least one full day after the scores are posted to review your exam.

**MISSED EXAMINATIONS**

In fairness to all students, each student is expected to take each exam at the scheduled time. We realize, however, that a small number of students will have a legitimate reason for missing an examination. We will make accommodations for the following reasons.

1. **ILLNESS OR EMERGENCY ON EXAM DAY:** Students who are ill or have a family emergency (death or serious illness of a close family member) on the day of an exam will be allowed to take a makeup exam upon display of **WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION** (e.g., a note from Student Health) to the staff of the Course Information Office in W004 Lagomarcino. **YOU MUST TELEPHONE OR EMAIL THE CIO (515-294-8065)** as soon as possible. It is best to contact the office or instructor before the exam if possible, but normally no later than **WITHIN 24 HOURS** after the exam. The makeup exam must be scheduled no later than the week after the regular exam. The Course Information Office will have the time and location available for students who have been approved to take the makeup exam.

2. **UNAVOIDABLE CONFLICTS WITH EXAM TIME:** Such conflicts include another class scheduled to meet at the exam time or participation in University sponsored events. Documentation of a conflict with the regularly scheduled exam time must be **PROVIDED IN WRITING ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED EXAM** to the staff in the CIO in Lagomarcino W004.

3. **IF YOU MISS AN EXAMINATION WITHOUT A LEGITIMATE, DOCUMENTED EXCUSE, YOU WILL RECEIVE A SCORE OF ZERO FOR THAT EXAM.** Exceptions will be made only under extraordinarily unusual circumstances approved by the professor for that unit of the course. Makeup examinations will not be permitted for frivolous, trivial reasons (too busy, overslept, forgot the exam, etc.). These policies are strictly enforced so that all students are treated equally and therefore treated fairly.

4. **WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION** of the need for a makeup examination should be taken to the staff in the CIO W004 LAGOMARCINO. Such documentation must be **SIGNED** by an appropriate person (e.g., physician, employer, parent) with their **NAME and TELEPHONE NUMBER** clearly printed on the document.

5. **THE NATURE OF A MAKEUP EXAM** (e.g., essay, short-answer, multiple-choice) is at the discretion of Dr. Blankenship.
Disability Accommodations:
Iowa State University is committed to assuring that all educational activities are free from discrimination and harassment based on disability status. All students requesting accommodations are required to meet with staff in Student Disability Resources (SDR) to establish eligibility. A Student Academic Accommodation Request (SAAR) form will be provided to eligible students. The provision of reasonable accommodations in this course will be arranged after timely delivery of the SAAR form to the instructor. If you have a disability and require accommodations, please contact the instructor or the CIO early in the semester so that your learning needs may be appropriately met. Students are responsible to make arrangements with the CIO (W004 Lago) before each exam for individual accommodations. SDR, a unit in the Dean of Students Office, is located in room 1076, Student Services Building or online at www.dso.iastate.edu/dr/. Contact SDR by e-mail at disabilityresources@iastate.edu or by phone at 515-294-7220 for additional information.

Academic Dishonesty:
Cheating is not tolerated. Any person observed cheating on an exam or quiz will receive a zero score and will be referred to the Dean of Students as described in the Academic Dishonesty section (pages 38-40) of the Iowa State University Catalog. http://www.dso.iastate.edu/ja/academic/misconduct.html

Attendance:
Students are expected to attend class. If you are absent from class, it is your responsibility to check on announcements made while you were away. See the sections on homework and exams for the potential consequences of unexcused absences. Office hours will not be used to repeat the lectures.

Dead Week:
This class follows the Iowa State University Dead Week policy as noted in section 10.6.4 of the Faculty Handbook http://www.provost.iastate.edu/resources/faculty-handbook.

Note:
The syllabus content and schedule are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances. It is expected that you come to class having read the information relevant to that class period.

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Harassment and Discrimination:
Iowa State University strives to maintain our campus as a place of work and study for faculty, staff, and students that is free of all forms of prohibited discrimination and harassment based upon race, ethnicity, sex (including sexual assault), pregnancy, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, or status as a U.S. veteran. Any student who has concerns about such behavior should contact his/her instructor, Student
Assistance at 515-294-1020 or email dso-sas@iastate.edu, or the Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance at 515-294-7612.

**Religious Accommodation:**
If an academic or work requirement conflicts with your religious practices and/or observances, you may request reasonable accommodations. Your request must be in writing, and your instructor or supervisor will review the request. You or your instructor may also seek assistance from the Dean of Students Office or the Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance.

**Contact Information:**
If you are experiencing, or have experienced, a problem with any of the above issues, email academicissues@iastate.edu.

**EARNING REQUIRED RESEARCH CREDITS**

Research is a fundamental component of communication studies and learning about communication studies involves learning about the research process. One of the goals of the 100 and 200 level courses is to familiarize students with the research process. To meet this goal, we require that each student earn 10 required research credits. In Communication Studies 101, each of the 10 required research credits is worth 3 course points for a total of 30 required course points. Each research credit may be earned in one of two ways: research participation and passing a quiz (writing a brief paper) on a research article that you have read.

**OPTION 1: RESEARCH PARTICIPATION CREDITS**

Research participation provides a hands-on opportunity to become familiar with how research is conducted. Because you are a student at a large university in which faculty are researchers as well as teachers, you have the opportunity to be participant in real communication research. You will also have the opportunity to learn more about yourself and your behavior in many of these studies.

Note: If you are under 18 years of age you are NOT eligible to participate in research studies unless you have written parental consent. A unique parental consent form is required for each study in the SONA system that is available to individuals under 18 years of age. Parental consent forms for individual studies can be obtained at ([http://www.psychology.iastate.edu](http://www.psychology.iastate.edu)). Please bring the relevant signed consent form with you to the experiment once you have registered for a time in the SONA system (Note: a faxed or scanned copy is permissible).

The research carried out in the department is important to ISU’s mission of expanding scientific knowledge, so please treat your participation seriously. All studies are reviewed and approved in advance by the ISU Institutional Review Board. When you arrive at each study, that study will be explained to you by the researcher and you will have a chance to ask any questions you may have about participation. You will be asked to give your consent to participate.
You earn 1 research credit per 30 minutes of research participation. For instance, studies lasting 1-30 minutes earn 1 research credit, those lasting 31-60 minutes would earn 2 research credits, and so on. For multipart studies, you will earn at least 1 research credit for each session of the study. Unless otherwise indicated, you can participate only ONCE in a specific study.

**Overview of Signing up for Research Studies:** The course uses a WEB-based sign-up system known as the SONA system. All Psychology experiments are listed on the Website located at: [https://isupsysch.sona-systems.com](https://isupsysch.sona-systems.com). Regardless of how you sign up, all research credit earned through participation (Option 1) will be recorded on the website. Links to SONA are on the Psychology Department Webpage and are on Blackboard.

Information on using each method to sign up for specific studies is listed in the “HOW TO SIGN UP TO EARN RESEARCH CREDIT BY PARTICIPATION” section and the answers to *Frequently Asked Questions about Research Participation.*

**The last day to participate in research studies is the last day of classes.**

**Maximizing your opportunities:** At the beginning of the semester, you will be given an option of participating in a *Mass Testing questionnaire* session that will last approximately 1-1.5 hour(s) and be worth 2-3 research credits. The date of the Mass Testing session will be announced in class and posted on Blackboard. The Mass Testing Session is worth participating in because the information you provide will be used to qualify you for other studies. For example, some studies are only appropriate for participants with specific characteristics (e.g., being left handed), and students who indicate that they have these characteristics may be contacted and asked to participate in specific studies. That is, students who participate in Mass Testing may be contacted by e-mail or telephone and invited to participate in additional studies. If contacted in this way, you may decide then whether or not to participate. You are under no obligation to participate in a study just because you are contacted as a result of Mass Testing.

**OPTION 2: READING A RESEARCH PAPER and TAKING A QUIZ** *(Communication Studies 101)*

Because we believe that learning about research through participation leads to a better understanding of the research process at an introductory level, we strongly encourage you to earn your research credits that way. Another way to learn about the research process, however, is by reading written reports of research that has already been published. Therefore, you may earn research credit by reading an article published in a professional psychology journal and then passing a short quiz on it. A set of articles is available on Blackboard. Some are ‘classic’ papers and some are contemporary. Many papers are authored by ISU faculty. Although the articles have been selected so that they should be understandable with a little effort, they ARE professional papers. Therefore, they will not read like a textbook. When you have finished an article and are ready to take the quiz, you should go to the Course Information Office during their regular hours (check on Blackboard). You will be asked to answer three questions about the article. You may
not look at the article when taking the quiz. The questions are designed so that someone who has read and attempted to understand the article should be able to answer them. Most articles are worth 2 SONA credits; a few longer articles are worth 3 SONA credits. Most articles you must answer two out of three of the questions correctly to receive credit. For longer articles you will need to answer four out of six questions correctly to receive credit.

You may take only one quiz per week and all quizzes must be taken by noon of the last Friday before Finals week. You must plan ahead if you wish to earn research credits in this manner. In order to earn the 10 required credits and 10 bonus credits solely through option 2, you will need to take a quiz almost every week.

EARNING ADDITIONAL (or “BONUS”) CREDIT

Once you have completed the 10 required research credits, you are eligible to complete up to 10 bonus research credits. Each bonus credit is worth 2 points. If you earn bonus course points, they will be added to your total course points and a new percentage relative to the TOTAL COURSE POINTS will be computed for you. Your final course grade will be based on this new percentage. Because TOTAL COURSE POINTS is based only on required course points (exams plus required research points), it is defined PRIOR to the addition of the bonus course points from additional research participation. Thus, bonus course points will help those who earn them but will not penalize those who do not.

We cannot tell you the minimum number of bonus research credits that are required to raise your grade because that is determined by where your base course grade percentage (based on total course points) is located within the course grade intervals. So, for example, if you were in the C range and were just 1 course point from earning a C+, then 1 bonus research credit (worth 3 bonus course points) would put you into the C+ range; however, if you were in the C range and were 5 points away from earning a C+, then 1 bonus research credit will NOT put you into the C+ range (because it is worth only 3 points), but 2 bonus research credits (worth 6 points) would put you into the C+ range.

HOW TO SIGN UP TO EARN RESEARCH CREDIT BY PARTICIPATION (OPTION 1)

All Experiments for Communication Studies 101 are listed on SONA, the Psychology Research Participation Website located at: https://isupsych.sona-systems.com. Regardless of how you sign up, all research credit earned through participation will be recorded on SONA.

Research Participation Logon Password

Your logon password for the website will be automatically created based on the class roster. Shortly after the start of the semester, you should receive an email at your university email address with your SONA logon password information. Then, after you log onto the webpage, you can click the “my profile” option and change your password. IMPORTANT: If you do not receive an email with your SONA Research Participation Logon Password by the 10th day of the semester, you should send an email to psychres@iastate.edu, so that we can create an account for you. When you
send the email, please include your first and last name, university student ID number, your university email address (NetID), and your course number (e.g., Comst 101).

**The SONA Website**
A number of tasks can be accomplished at the SONA website. You are able to sign up for experiments, cancel experiments, and check your participation history/number of credits earned. These tasks are selected in a menu-driven manner. A complete description of how to navigate the site is available on the Psychology Department Webpage (http://www.psychology.iastate.edu). Click on Research Participation > Participant > Using the sign-up system (pdf).

**IMPORTANT:** Some studies are administered online, whereas others are administered by attending a laboratory (locations are listed on the Sona website). You can earn up to 5 of your 10 required credits from online-administered studies; the rest have to come from lab-administered studies.

**HOW TO SIGN UP**

**SONA Sign Up.** Throughout the semester, researchers will post descriptions of their experiments, including the date, time and location of each session, on the SONA website. Each description will provide an option for you to sign up if there is an available appointment time. In some instances, rather than providing possible times, an experiment description may request that you email or call the investigator so that you may be contacted for an appointment. After you sign up for an experiment, you will receive a confirmation email; some experiments may also send you a reminder email the day before your appointment.

**Checking SONA.** If you have any questions about the time or location of an experiment for which you signed-up on the SONA website, simply recheck the website. You are encouraged to check the SONA website regularly to see what specific opportunities are available.

**HOW TO CANCEL AN APPOINTMENT**

If you cannot attend the experiment for which you have signed up, you must cancel no later than two hours prior to the start of the session. Experiments scheduled through SONA may be canceled either by going through the website or by calling the experimenter. Please be courteous--Prompt cancellation of an appointment will allow another student to sign up to participate in the research.

**HOW TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR CREDITS--keep your RECEIPTS**

After each study, researchers will give you a yellow Research Credit Receipt. Keep these receipts! You will typically receive credits from experimenters on SONA within 72 hours of your participation. You can click the “My Schedule and Credits” option on the website to see your credits. **If you do NOT receive credit within 72 hours after participation in an experiment, you should contact the researcher directly to find out why.** You may be asked to show your Receipt. You must keep the receipts in case there are any discrepancies at the end of the semester with the number of credits assigned to you on the web.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
ABOUT RESEARCH CREDITS

1. Do I have to participate in research? No. You may earn research credits by taking quizzes on research articles. **The deadline for earning credits through taking quizzes is noon on the last Friday of classes.**

2. How many research credits are required? Ten research credits are required in this course. Research credits are earned either by participating in research studies or by passing quizzes on research articles or a combination of the two. In addition, up to 10 bonus research credits may be used for bonus credit to increase your grade in the course. The research credits are translated into course points as described in the course syllabus.

3. How do I sign-up for a research study? All Psychology experiments for Psych 101, 230, and 280(H), and Communication Studies 101 are listed on the SONA system's Iowa State Psychology Research Participation Website, located at: [https://isupsych.sona-systems.com](https://isupsych.sona-systems.com). The Sona system provides the study name and number, a brief description of the study including time, place, and length of time required for participation, credit earned, and the name(s) and phone number(s) of the researcher(s). When you sign up on the Sona system, you will receive a confirmation email with this information; some experiments may also send you a reminder email the day before your appointment.

   All approved experiments are conducted on the University campus in classroom buildings (not in the dorms) between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m or are accessed on-line through links provided on the SONA system or provided by the investigator. **No deviations from these rules are authorized.**

4. What can I do if I forget my password to the online research sign-up system? To retrieve your lost or forgotten password, go to SONA at: [https://isupsych.sona-systems.com](https://isupsych.sona-systems.com). Underneath ‘Lost your password?’ Click “Click here to retrieve it!” link, which will take you to: [https://isupsych.sona-systems.com/lost_password.asp](https://isupsych.sona-systems.com/lost_password.asp). Enter your NetID (i.e., NetID@iastate.edu), then click ‘Email Password’ button. SONA will resend an email to your iastate email account within the next hour that contains your password. For further information, please refer to: [http://www.psychology.iastate.edu/index.php?id=151](http://www.psychology.iastate.edu/index.php?id=151)

   If you receive a message saying, "System Message: Password could not be sent. No user was found matching the specified user ID." You need to send your first and last name, course (Psychology 101, 230, or 280(H), Communication Studies 101), and your Net ID to psychres@iastate.edu so an account can be created for you. Once your SONA account has been established you will receive an email to your iastate.edu account containing your password.

5. How long does an appointment for research participation take? The minimum appointment time for research studies is 30 minutes, although in some cases you may finish the study in less time. The maximum length of time for each study is listed on SONA. You earn 1 credit for each 30 minutes (e.g., 1 credit 1-30 minutes, 2 credits 31-
60, 3 credits 61-90 minutes, etc.). Some studies may require multiple sessions that are spread across different days, you will receive at least 1 credit for each session of a multipart study.

6. What are my responsibilities once I sign up for a study? Both you and the researcher are contracting to show up at the appointed time and place. **BE ON TIME.** By signing up, you are indicating a willingness to participate given the information that is available on the SONA description/posting form. If you are unable to make your appointment, cancel your participation on SONA or call the researcher at the number on SONA (or the posting form) or call the Psychology Office (294-1743) **at least two hours** beforehand. Prompt cancellation of an appointment will allow another student to sign up for the study.

   Please be courteous to the researcher and to others in the class who might like to participate in the research, but are unable to do so because you have reserved the time.

7. What happens if I miss a scheduled research appointment? If you do not show up for a scheduled research appointment, your failure to attend the session will be recorded in SONA, and you will receive an e-mail message indicating that you have missed the appointment. After **three missed appointments**, your access to SONA will be suspended and you will have to pursue option 2, earning credits by taking quizzes or writing article summaries. (Please note, as described on page 6, that only one quiz may be taken each week and that all quizzes must be completed by **noon on the last Friday of classes**.)

If you know that you will be unable to attend a scheduled research appointment, you can **cancel the appointment** in SONA up to two hours before the scheduled time of the appointment. If you cancel an appointment at least two hours ahead of time, this will not be counted as a missed appointment in the system, and will not lead to a suspension of your account.

8. What can I do if my SONA account is suspended? If you believe that an error has been made and your account was suspended accidentally, please contact the SONA administrator (**psychres@iastate.edu**). If your failure to appear was beyond your control, send an explanation to the administrator, who may reinstate your account. Alternatively, you may want to consider option 2 as a way to earn your credits.

9. What should I do if a researcher does not show up for an appointment I scheduled? The researcher has responsibilities just as you do. Both you and the researcher are contracting to show up at the appointed time and place. If the researcher is unable to make a scheduled appointment, the researcher should post a message telling you what you need to do to get your credit for showing up. If the researcher does not show and there is no note, wait for 10 minutes past the scheduled time and then immediately check SONA or your email confirmation (or check on the sign-up board) to see whether you have the correct date, time, and location. If all the information is correct, go **IMMEDIATELY** to the Psychology Main Office in Lago W112 and ask to complete a **Researcher No Show Form**. If the study is in the evening or on the weekend, then go to the main office the **NEXT WORK DAY** to complete the form. The form will
be used to verify that there was a researcher no show and, once this is verified, you will receive credit for showing up. The verification process requires that the form be completed as soon as possible after the no show occurs. Researcher No Show Forms CANNOT be submitted more than 7 days after scheduled appointment.

10. Can I participate more than once in a study? Typically, you are allowed to participate only once. If you are allowed to participate more than once, the researcher will let you know.

11. What types of studies are done? There are many kinds of studies conducted in our department. For example, you might be asked to complete questionnaires, to view slides or videos, to listen to music or conversations, to interact with others in a group, or to make judgments on a computer. All studies are reviewed and approved in advance by the Iowa State University Institutional Review Board.

12. How does a study get approved? The study is first approved by the Psychology Human Research Ethics Review Committee to determine that no physical or psychological harm will result from the research and that the research is meaningful. After departmental approval, the study is further reviewed and approved by the ISU Institutional Review Board. Most experiments are open to all Psychology 101, 230, and 280 or Communication Studies 101 students, but some experiments restrict participation to subsets of students (e.g., females only or left-handed persons only).

13. What should I do if I have a question about a specific study that I signed up for, such as its location, etc? If you signed up for the study on SONA, recheck the web for that information. If you have questions not addressed on the webpage, you should get in touch with the contact person listed on the SONA page. If you are unable to contact this person, you should call 294-1743 or go to the Department of Psychology main office in Lago W112 for help. If you were recruited for the study by telephone or e-mail, you should get in touch with the contact person.

14. If I missed the mass-testing session, can I make it up? No, the pre-screening sessions are only conducted at the beginning of the semester on the dates announced in class. If a student is not able to complete the Mass Testing exercise, he or she cannot earn the 2 credits given for this exercise. Typically at least one other large-scale questionnaire study is offered at another time during the semester, but participation in it will not qualify you to participate in other studies. Such studies will be announced in class and posted on SONA.

15. What if I get called by or get an email from someone in the Psychology Department who wants me to be in an experiment? ONLY students who complete Mass Testing and indicate their willingness to be contacted may be called or e-mailed and invited to participate in a study. The caller will provide his or her full name and phone number, the experiment number, the experimenter's name, and the date, time, and location of the experiment. (This is important information, be sure to keep it.) You are under no obligation to participate in a study just because you are contacted by phone/email. If you agree to participate, then check that an approved posting form with the same experimenter and location is posted on SONA before going to the appointment.
If the study is not listed on SONA immediately notify Ann Schmidt in the Psychology Office (Lago W112 or 294-1743). If you get called or get an email and you did NOT participate in Mass Testing, you also should immediately notify Ann Schmidt in the Psychology Office (Lago W112 or 294-1743).

16. When is the last day that I can earn research credits? The last day to participate in research studies is the last day of class.

17. How is research credit recorded? All credit, even those that are earned by quizzes (papers), will be recorded on SONA within 72 hours after the study. (Note-Mass Testing may take a bit longer). You can click the “My Schedule and Credits” option to see your credits. After each study, researchers will give you a Research Credit Receipt. If you do NOT receive credit within 72 hours after participation in an experiment (except for mass testing), you should contact the researcher directly to find out why. You may be asked to show your Receipt. As described on page 7, you must keep the receipts in case there are any discrepancies at the end of the semester with the number of credits assigned to you on the web. If there is a discrepancy, take the receipts to the Course Information Office.

18. What if I’m enrolled in more than one course that requires research participation administered through Sona (such as Psych 101, 280, or 230)? You may assign the credits to any course that you choose, but credits cannot be reassigned after the last day of classes. Dr. Blankenship will allow earned extra research credits from other courses also count for Comst 101. In other words, students’ extra research credits can “double count” for Comst 101. For example, if you are in Comst (which requires 10 credits) and another course that requires 10 credits, then your earned extra credits (i.e., the 21st through 30th credits you earn) can be counted for your other course and Comst 101. Note that you must complete the required credits for all of your courses as required credits will NOT be double-counted. A useful heuristic is that if, for example, you are in two courses that require research credits, credits 1-20 will not double-count (if you are in three courses, credits 1-30 will not double count).

What if I have other questions?
Please ask your instructor or contact the CIO (294-8065/psychinf@iastate.edu).