

Research Participation in Psyc350

Part of the course requirements is to complete 12 credits of research participation -- "being data".

The "educational" defense of this requirement is that you will benefit from "seeing the other side" or research -- thinking about all the parts of methods, design & data collection that you are learning about in 350 as data are being collected from you.

The "community member" defense of this requirement is that you are contributing to the research success of the department, without which, quite frankly, we'd not have the quality of professors and graduate students that we do to teach our/your classes.

I'm the one to blame for this! -- it was not a departmental edict. I went to the Human Subjects Committee and asked them to include us, because I've seen (and collected data, as you might expect) the benefits that doing this has for students taking this course.

There is a nonparticipative alternative (it just ain't right to "make" you participate in research, not matter how much I think you'll get from it!), which boils down to reading and critiquing research articles (which is the next--best way of getting you exposed to research).