

Spring, 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 Spring of 2011 completed the 4th 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

- 894 students registered on SONA
- 3455 points granted
- Excused No-Shows
- 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	5
1	71
2	45
3	36
4	596
5	71
6	46
7	24

- 157 failed to achieve 4 points (which was the requirement for class credit)
- 737 earned 4 or more credits
- Average credits earned per student with positive credits 3.86

Studies

- 1 in-person study and 8 on-line studies
 - *Assessing Romantic- Sexual Relationship Behavior (online)*
 - *Life Experiences and there effect on personality (online)*
 - *Social Interaction in a Café 1-6 (online)*
 - *Explanations for Unemployment spring 2010 (online)*
 - *Students' interest in working with older clients, homosexual and transgender people(online)*
 - *Stress levels, ways of coping, and attitudes towards help-seeking (in-person)*
- 6 York faculty members ran studies
- 2 of York students were involved in running studies
- 1 external researcher (Rutgers graduate student and ex-York student)

Courses

- 41 courses were involved

Course participation

Course	Number of Students Participating in Pool	Total Number in Class	Percent of Class Participating
Anthropology 101 HK1	37	50	74.00
Anthropology 101 N	30	27	111.1 *
Anthropology 101 S	27	47	51.06
Anthropology 101 V	23	39	58.97
Anthropology 101 WEB 1	14	22	63.63
Anthropology 101 WEB 2	5	19	26.31
Anthropology 101 WEB 3	4	19	21.05
Psychology 102B	21	55	38.18
Psychology 102BCD	10	25	40.00
Psychology 102 C	56	55	101.81 *
Psychology 102 DSK	33	37	89.18
Psychology 102 E	57	55	103.63 *
Psychology102 F	48	53	90.56
Psychology 102 HK3	39	55	70.90
Psychology 102 MN1	55	55	100.0
Psychology 102 MN2	49	55	89.09
Psychology 102 R	55	54	101.85 *
Psychology 102 W	32	54	59.25
Psychology 102 Y	3	54	5.55
Psychology 102 ZZ	36	40	90.00
Scwk 350/ Anth 220/ Soc 220	28	28	100.0
Scwk 350/ Anth 220/ Soc 220 MN	27	23	117.39 *
Scwk350/ Anth 220/ Soc 220 TW	22	19	115.78 *
Social Work 101 QRR	6	32	18.75
Social Work 101 V	4	33	12.12
Social Work 101 ZZ	4	24	16.66
Social work 300 PQR	8	28	28.57
Social work 300 WWW	3	31	9.67
Social Work 360 BCD	10	9	111.11 *
Social Work 360 W	21	26	80.76
Sociology 101 B	41	55	74.54
Sociology 101 C	39	55	70.90
Sociology 101 D	48	55	87.27
Sociology 101 E	28	54	51.85
Sociology 101 HK1	21	55	38.18
Sociology 101 HK2	55	56	98.21
Sociology 101 PQ	31	55	56.36
Sociology 101 QRR	28	53	52.83
Sociology 101 S	27	35	77.14
Sociology 101 W	68	53	128.30 *
Sociology 101 YY	3	51	5.88

The overall average percent of the class participating in the research pool is about 67%. This is 36% more than the overall average participating from previous year.

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