

Department of Psychological Science Research Studies

Spring 2024

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Below is a list of the studies that are running this semester. To learn more about a study, click where it says “Learn more” and you will jump to its description further down in this document. To sign up for a study, email the researcher. Check back often because this file will be updated as more studies become available.

Remember that you MUST be 18 years or older to participate in ANY research study. If you are not yet 18, you MUST complete the alternate assignment for PSY 100 or PSY 247.

Faculty and Student Independent Research Projects

- Identifying the Features of Drowning (recruiting lifeguards only) [Learn more](#)
- Similarities and Differences in Perceptions of Photographs and Traits among Women and their Parents (recruiting women who identify as female and one of the woman’s parents - mothers preferred if possible) [Learn more](#)
- Neurodivergent Surveillance [Learn more](#)
- Perceptions of Masculinity and Romantic Relationships (recruiting participants who are in a relationship - relationships can be either non-exclusive or exclusive) [Learn more](#)

Methods II Student Projects

- Stay tuned for the Fall 2024 studies!

Study Descriptions

Identifying the Features of Drowning (recruiting lifeguards only)

2 credits / less than 30 minutes / Location: Goddard 114 (Cognition Lab - enter through Goddard lobby). In this study, you will view a series of still images taken from video of people swimming. Some of the videos show a person who is drowning, and other videos do not contain a drowning. For each image you will judge whether you think someone is drowning via pressing a button on the keyboard and then use the mouse to click on the swimmer that you are most concerned about regardless of whether you think someone is drowning or not. If you want to participate on a Monday between 2 PM and 4 PM, email Amalie Valskar at valskara@my.easternct.edu to schedule a session. If you want to participate on a Wednesday between 10 AM and 12 PM, email Destiny Hurst at hurstd@my.easternct.edu to schedule a session. If you want to participate on a Thursday between 11 AM and 1 PM, email Madison Glasgow at glasgowma@my.easternct.edu. ***Note: if you participated in this study in the past (Spring or Fall 2023), you cannot participate again.*** This research is supervised by Lyndsey Lanagan-Leitzel. [Return to top](#)

Similarities and Differences in Perceptions of Photographs and Traits among Women and their Parents (recruiting women who identify as female and one of the woman's parents - mothers preferred if possible)

1 credit / less than 30 minutes / Location: Online. Women and their parents will either be shown a photograph of a man or a list of traits possessed by a hypothetical man. Participants will be asked to provide three personality traits which they expect the men in the photographs to possess or three personality traits which they would expect a man to also possess if he already possesses certain traits. Individuals will also be asked to rate the positivity and negativity of the traits they provide as their answers. Women who complete this online questionnaire and who recruit one parent to complete the questionnaire will be awarded one research credit for their participation. Women whose parents discontinue their participation or decline to participate can still receive one research credit for their own participation. Participation for both students and parents will take place online. Email Yineli Rodriguez at rodriguezzyi@my.easternct.edu to participate. This research is supervised by Madeleine Fugère. [Return to top](#)

Neurodivergent Surveillance

2 credits / less than 30 minutes / Location: Goddard 114 (Cognition Lab – enter through Goddard lobby). In this study, you will complete three tasks where you will search for target events on a computer screen (brightness change, motion change, and drowning). You will also complete a demographic survey, a survey about behaviors associated with autism, and a survey about behaviors associated with ADHD. Participation does NOT require diagnosis or suspected autism or ADHD. If you want to participate on a Monday between 3 PM and 5 PM, email Amalie Valskar at valskara@my.easternct.edu to schedule a session. If you want to participate on a Wednesday between 10 AM and 12 PM, email Destiny Hurst at hurstd@my.easternct.edu to schedule a session. If you want to participate on a Thursday between 11 AM and 1 PM, email Madison Glasgow at glasgowma@my.easternct.edu to schedule a session. This research is supervised by Lyndsey Lanagan-Leitzel. [Return to top](#)

Perceptions of Masculinity and Romantic Relationships (recruiting participants who are in a relationship - relationships can be either non-exclusive or exclusive)

1 credit / less than 30 minutes / Location: Online. In this research we are seeking individuals in relationships (both non-exclusive and exclusive relationships) to answer questions about their perceptions of masculinity and views of women. In addition, individuals will be asked questions about their partner, their relationship, and themselves. Email Raya Cruse at cruser@my.easternct.edu to participate. This research is supervised by Alita Cousins. [Return to top](#)