Course Requirements or Credits for University of Mississippi
Students to Participate as Research Subjects

Summary/Purpose: Course syllabi cannot mandate or unduly influence research subject participation.

Student participation as research subjects must be completely voluntary.

If a syllabus specifies that participation is a course requirement and/or extra credit is offered for participation, students must be given alternatives that involve comparable time and effort in order to minimize possible undue influence on the decision to participate.

Students must not be penalized for refusing to participate in research.

See also the policy on Instructors Recruiting Their Students for Their Own Research.

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