

## ALTERNATIVE ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

For students unable to participate in research studies due to age, lack of time, or missed appointments (see no-show policy), there is an option to complete an alternative assignment that will count towards your research requirement hours for the semester.

Please note that students **CAN COMBINE** alternative assignment credits with research study credits to meet the specified semester credit requirements.

**DEADLINES:** You must submit your alternative assignment **no later than Monday, December 9, 2024**, to receive full credit. At least one hour must be completed by **Tuesday, October 1, 2024**.

**SUBMISSIONS:** All submissions should be submitted via the Google form attached below:

<https://forms.gle/etpgDQfv6UxrMhvw7>

**CONTACT:** If you have experienced any issues with your submission, please contact research pool coordinator Abril Baez via [sjsuspc@gmail.com](mailto:sjsuspc@gmail.com)

**NOTICE:** Students must adhere to the SJSU Academic Integrity policy and must write their submissions individually and in their own words, without the use of AI tools. AI refers to artificial intelligence (e.g., ChatGTP). Submitting work that was previously submitted in another class is also prohibited. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in receiving partial or no credit. All Submissions will undergo quality control.

### ***INSTRUCTIONS:***

The alternative assignment consists of reading one **scholarly journal article** and providing a *summary* of the article and a ½ page *reflection* of the article. The alternative assignment write-up length depends on the amount of alternative assignment credits needed.

#### **SUMMARY:**

Briefly state the purpose of the article and summarize the main findings/results. You may also mention the method used for collecting data as well.

#### **REFLECTION:**

In ½ pages, provide a brief reflection of your thoughts regarding the article. You can cover such topics as: Were the results surprising to you? How do you think this study adds to the field of psychology? What was your overall opinion of the article? Did you like it? Dislike it? What is some future research in relation to the article?

The credit (in hours) you receive will also be dependent upon the *length* of the article(s) you read. Please note that the reference pages **do not** count towards the length requirement. The criteria are:

**Table 1: Credits, Article Page Amount, and Write-Up Length Requirements**

<b>Credits</b>	<b>Article Page Amount</b>	<b>Length of Your Write-Up</b>
1 hours of credit	5 to 10 pages	½ page summary ½ page reflection
2 hours of credit	11 to 15 pages	1 page summary ½ page reflection
3 hours of credit	16 to 20 pages	1.5 page summary ½ page reflection
4 hours of credit	21 or more pages	2 page summary ½ page reflection

Example: An article from pages 227-241 is counted as 2 hours of credit (15 pages)

### ***ASSIGNMENT REQUIREMENTS:***

1) Both your write-up response and the article you read should be submitted via the Google form(<https://forms.gle/etpgDQfv6UxrMhvw7>). Your alternative assignment can be submitted in either doc or PDF format. However, for the article of your choice, please submit a PDF copy of the article. You may submit more than one alternative assignment at once. If you plan to submit multiple alternative assignments. Please make sure to name them accordingly.

2) Please title your attachments according to which documents they are. For attached write-ups: Your full name, Alternative Assignment, Write up. For the attached articles: Your full name, Alternative Assignment, and Article.

3) The article must be from a **SCIENTIFIC, PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL**. The article **MUST SHOW** the publication source (where it came from) and the page numbers. You may not type the name and page numbers in yourself. You may choose any topic to write about as long as it is psychology-related.

(**NOTE:** Newspapers, magazines, books, book reviews, dissertations, or website articles are **inappropriate** for this assignment. For example, *San Jose Mercury News*, *Psychology Today*, *Newsweek*, and *Depression.com* are all unacceptable sources.)

### ***HELPFUL TIPS:***

The following are **good examples** of good scientific journals:

- American Psychologist
- Child Development
- Journal of Personality and Social Psychology

**Psychology Databases can be accessed at the following link:**

<http://library.calstate.edu/sanjose/databases/subject/psychology>

**Need help finding scholarly or peer-reviewed articles? View this online tutorial from the King Library:**

<http://library.sjsu.edu/video/finding-scholarly-peer-reviewed-articles>

***ALTERNATIVE ASSIGNMENT FORMAT:***

Please adhere to the following formatting instructions for your Alternative Assignment write-up. Also, don't forget to attach your article along with the write-up in the google form! Failure to follow these instructions may result in partial credit.

(Top right side of the page)

**Name**

**SJSU ID#**

**Professor's name**

**Section #/ Day / Time of class**

**Title of the Article**

***Summary***

Based on the amount of pages required by Table 1, briefly state the purpose of the article and summarize the findings/results. You may also mention the method used for collecting data as well. Your write-up may be double-spaced. Make sure you have set your margins at one inch!

***Reflection***

In ½ page, provide a brief reflection of your thoughts regarding the article. You can cover topics such as: Were the results surprising to you? How do you think this study adds to the field of psychology? What was your overall opinion of the article? Did you like it? Dislike it? What is some future research in relation to the article? Your write-up may be double-spaced. Make sure you have set your margins at one inch! The reflection must be a minimum of at least 5 sentences.