

RESEARCH POINT SYSTEM (APS)

Student's Guide

Various courses offered by the Department of Psychology permit students to earn extra points toward their grade by participating in the Faculty's research. We call this the Research Points System (Araştırma Puna Sistemi, APS). Aside from the obvious benefit of increasing their grades, it is also hoped that students will benefit from the experience of seeing cutting-edge psychological research at first hand. In particular, it is hoped that research participation will improve students' understanding of psychological research methods, and will also help them to develop their research project ideas in their senior year.

For the purposes of the APS, research is organised into 30-minute blocks; each block, or part of a block, is worth 0.5%. So if for example you take part in an experiment taking 45 minutes, you will earn an additional 1% toward your grade for that course. For each eligible course, you can earn a maximum of 5% on top of the regular 100% you will get from midterms, finals, and other assignments in the usual way. Students should however be aware that they can also lose points if they make an appointment to take part in research, and do not subsequently attend. If the student does not arrive at the laboratory within five minutes of their appointment time, they will lose 0.5% from their grade.

We the faculty make the following commitments to students who wish to make use of the APS: firstly, like all research participants, students will be treated ethically in accordance with the guidelines of the American Psychological Association; this is monitored by the departmental Ethics Committee (chair: Dr Rob Booth). Secondly, faculty will make every effort to fully explain the purpose and nature of their research after the student has completed the study, and to answer any questions the student may have about the research.

New research projects will be advertised to students via email and class announcements. Students can sign up for projects using signup sheets on display outside the Psychology Assistants' office (AMF-101). To protect your anonymity, please sign up using your student number, not your name. As research participation counts toward your grade, please bring your university ID with you to the laboratory.

The APS is administered by Dr Rob Booth (rob.booth@isikun.edu.tr), who should be contacted by students should they have any questions or comments about the system.