

Research Participant Rights

Students referred to this handout are students who are thinking about participating in the Cortland Psychophysiology (CPL) participant pool or students who have already completed the CPL subject pool survey. The information gathered through the CPL survey is used to create a temporary contact list of eligible students for this semester's subject pool.

Completing the survey does not obligate you to participate in any future research. Periodically during the semester, some researchers will post open sign-up sheets, providing more information about their research, asking for student volunteers. Other researchers will randomly select participants from the subject pool. In that case, a research assistant will contact the students who were selected to provide them with more information about the research. If the student is interested in volunteering, an appointment is scheduled.

No matter what, it is important for you to know that you will be asked to volunteer for other research only after you have received adequate information about that study and its procedures. For CPL research, that information will include (at minimum):

- A statement that the study involves research
 - an explanation of the purposes of the research
 - the expected duration of your participation
 - a description of the procedures to be followed
- A description of any reasonably foreseeable risks or discomforts
- A description of any benefits to the subject or to others which may reasonably be expected from the research
- The availability of alternate assignments students can complete rather than participating in research.
 - These opportunities will involve comparable time and effort to receive the same amount of credit
 - Should any questions arise about these alternate assignments, you should consult your course syllabus. If any questions remain about course credit or alternate assignments you should ask the professor teaching the course
- A statement describing the ways that we will maintain your records to protect your confidentiality
- An explanation of whom to contact
 - for answers to pertinent questions about the research you may contact the Cortland Psychophysiology Laboratory (email: physiopsych@cortland.edu or phone: 607-753-5437)
 - for questions about research subjects' rights, contact the Research and Sponsored Programs Office at 607-753-2511
- You will be reassured that participation is voluntary
 - refusal to participate will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled in your class or from the college
 - you subject may discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled in your class or from the college.

Note: Students must be 18-years or older to volunteer for research, in accordance with NY State law.