**Alternative Assignments for ERO Credit for**

**PY 101 @ Birmingham-Southern College**

Below you will find instructions for two alternative assignments you may complete to fulfill your 3 hours of ERO credit. You may use any combination of alternative assignments and BSC research participation to fulfill your 3 credits.

**Alternative #1 – Psychology Today Article Reaction/Summary (1 ERO credit for each assignment completed)**

To complete the assignment, first copy all the information from *page 2* of this document into a new Microsoft Word document, and save it with your first and last name. From a recent (last 3 years) Psychology Today article, complete the assignment by typing your answers below each question.

Please answer each question in complete sentences; phrases will not be accepted. Use your own words; the use of quotes or copying sentences from the article itself or from the work of others will constitute an Honor Code violation. Satisfactory credit is based on: (1) clarity (how well you explain your answers), (2) completeness (answering all questions completely), and (3) specificity (how detailed your answers are for each question).

When finished, email your article assignment (as a Microsoft Word document) to Dr. Trench. You may complete multiple journal article assignments in the same Word document.

**Alternative #2 - online studies for researchers outside of BSC (½ ERO credit for each online study completed)**

To complete the assignment, first copy all the information from *page 3* of this document into a new Microsoft Word document, and save it with your first and last name. Then, paste the following link into your browser <https://psych.hanover.edu/research/exponnet.html> You will see a large number of online studies, posted by researchers at other institutions, which you can complete for ½ ERO credit each. Select any study by clicking on its link, note the study name and time you started, and follow the instructions given by the researchers. After you have finished, take a screenshot of the final page of the online study, and note the time you finished. You may complete multiple studies, each for ½ ERO credit, but please do not complete any study more than once.

**Alternative #1 - journal article assignments (1 ERO credit for each assignment completed)**

Your First Name:

Your Last Name:

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Your Student ID #:

Article Title:

1. What is this article about? Provide a one or two paragraph summary of what you read. Include:
   1. whether it is a correlational study, an experiment, or some other type of study, and why you think so,
   2. what the hypotheses were (i.e., what the researchers predicted),
   3. any independent variables and dependent variables (for experimental studies only), and/or important measured variables, and
   4. the key findings/results, including a statement of whether the hypotheses were supported or not.
2. What scientific journal article was this Psychology Today article based on? You should be able to find the authors’ names and journal name in the article or in the references. Type out the scientific journal reference in APA or MLA style.

2. Finally, how does the topic covered in this article relate to your life, a current events topic, and/or a specific topic covered in your psychology course? Be specific and write a full paragraph.

**Alternative #2 - online studies for researchers outside of BSC**

**(½ ERO credit for each online study completed)**

Your First Name:

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Your Student ID #:

Title of Online Study:

The time you started the study:

The time you ended the study:

Screenshot of final screen of study (paste below):