

Student Research Contract

Name: _____

Date: _____

Indicate day and time available: _____

Goals:

1. To learn more about children's social and emotional development and parental socialization;
2. To learn more about quantitative and qualitative research designs;
3. To learn how to turn raw data into a form that can be analyzed and discussed as evidence for or against specific hypotheses;
4. To learn how to generate ideas about using what was learned from a study to plan future research.

Readings: Assigned as necessary. Some weeks, you may be asked to bring in a journal article you have found for the whole group to discuss. When you bring in an article, you will be asked to write a one-page summary of the article. When someone else brings in an article, you will be asked to write 1/2 page of comments and questions about the article. These will be due at the group meeting. Keep copies of your work to assist me when you need a letter of recommendation.

Hours: You will work about 6 to 9 hours weekly for about 15 weeks. This does not include our hour-long weekly meeting.

Commitments to:

1. Thorough preparation for running participants, including appropriate demeanor, appearance, and mastery of study procedure and ethical issues;
2. Running participants who are scheduled during your available hours;
3. Completing all assigned data entry;
4. Transcribing all assigned audiotapes and videotapes;
5. Coding all assigned transcripts and videotapes;
6. Strictly maintaining confidentiality and the security of all lab materials, including computer files;
7. Reading and thinking about any assigned articles;
8. Writing responses to assigned articles;
9. Attending, thinking, participating, and responding thoughtfully to others in meetings; and
10. Working in a timely fashion.

I will provide a written assessment of your work at the end of the semester. In addition, I am happy to meet with you individually at any time in the semester to discuss your progress and your thoughts about the research project.

All parties recognize their own responsibility in maintaining the quality of this academic experience and fulfilling this contract.

Student's Signature

Professor's Signature