

TEST SESSIONS - 2018/2019 - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Agreement

At the start of the first test session, you will be given a short summary of the text below and asked whether you agree to the described conditions.

To successfully complete the first year of the Psychology degree programme at the University of Amsterdam, you are required to participate in the test sessions. During the three test sessions, you will participate by completing all kinds of psychological tests and questionnaires for scientific research.

Goal: Education and research

The goals of the test sessions relate to both your training as a psychologist and the research at the Department of Psychology.

As far as your degree programme is concerned, you will probably encounter a wide range of psychological measurement tools for the first time during the test session. During your degree programme (and possibly thereafter as a psychologist), you will have to develop and administer such measurement tools a number of times. The test sessions also give you experience as a participant in psychological research, which increases your insight into such research. As far as research is concerned, you will contribute to the work of researchers at the Department of Psychology. Without your participation in the test sessions, a lot of scientific research would be impossible. The results will be analysed in groups and will not be looked at on an individual level. The tests and questionnaires administered in the test sessions are created by various researchers – from professors to students – and will be used for numerous research studies.

Please note: If students are unable to support these objectives as a matter of principle, they can submit a written request to the coordinator for permission to carry out a replacement assignment. Such a request must be submitted before **18 October 2018**, including argumentation stating the reasons concerning the objection of principle.

The sessions

The test sessions will take place in the computer room in IWO 4.04A (Rood/Red). Arrive on time, so every session can begin and end on time. You received a **test sessions number** and an associated **password** via email. **Keep this information safe and bring it with you to all your sessions!**

Attendance and participation

The test sessions are a compulsory part of the first year of your degree programme. Sessions cannot be rescheduled. If you miss one session, you must earn 3 extra participation points in the lab (and 6 for two missed sessions). If you miss more than two sessions, you have not passed the course and you cannot apply for your first-year diploma.

You are expected to **seriously participate** in research during the test sessions. If the coordinator has reason to believe that your answers were not given in a serious way, then it may be decided that the

session is invalid and that you must complete a replacement assignment. At worst, you may be excluded from the test sessions.

Information about tests

Each session consists of several test components. After each session, you can find information on Canvas about the purpose of the various test components in that particular session. For more information about the tests and questionnaires, please contact the researchers involved.

Anonymity of data

We use the following procedure in order to guarantee the anonymity of the research data and enable its exchange:

a. Test sessions number

You will receive a personal test sessions number and password via email. Your answers and scores during the session are linked to that number, but researchers never know your name.

b. Objection form

After every test session, Canvas will indicate how you can lodge an objection against the use of your data.

Your privacy is guaranteed

Your personal data (about who you are) remain confidential and will not be shared without your explicit consent. Your research data will be analysed by the researchers that collected the information. Research data published in scientific journals will be anonymous and cannot be traced back to you as an individual.

Voluntariness

You can decide to refrain from participation in each individual research component in the test sessions. You can also decide to discontinue your cooperation during the research. In lieu of the incomplete research, you can receive a replacement assignment of the same duration as the test component in question. You also have 7 days after each test session to withdraw your consent to the use of your data. If you do so, your data will be deleted. That will have absolutely no negative consequences for you.

Follow-up research

If a researcher wants to conduct further research with certain people based on the scores from the test sessions, that researcher must request permission from the students in question. Researchers may also want to make the link between the data from the test sessions and data from the lab (for which you will be invited to participate). Researchers must request personal permission from the student to do this. Both the invitation for follow-up research and the data link will be made in a strictly anonymous way. You will be informed about the exact procedure in such a case.

Discomfort, risks and insurance

As with any research at the University of Amsterdam, standard liability insurance applies.

Further information

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