Instructor Recruitment Script

Note to student researchers: Identify the courses that most first-year students take at your college (e.g., Introductory Psychology). Contact the instructors who teach those courses and request the opportunity to visit their class(es) to gather data for your chapter’s study.

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Dear Professor, I am a member of Psychology Club or Psi Beta, ____College’s honor society for students having an interest in psychology. Our chapter advisor(s) is/are professor(s) ___________________. We are conducting a study that is part of our chapter’s focus on research. This study will investigate various aspects of interpersonal communication and several related job skills. Participants will be asked to complete a brief questionnaire either online or in classes. We estimate that all students should be able to complete the questionnaire within 30 minutes. The identity of participants will remain anonymous and all data we gather will be kept strictly confidential.

Our research proposal has been approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at Blinn College and Irvine Valley College. We assure you that we will treat all participants in an ethical manner, obtain their informed consent prior to gathering any data, and provide a debriefing that includes a brief discussion of the role that grit may play in academic success. We believe our study will be a positive educational experience for the students who participate.

My fellow research students and I would like to know if we can arrange a time over the next two weeks to visit one or more of your classes. We will explain the study to your students, and for those who are interested in participating, we will administer the questionnaire. The entire process will take approximately 30 minutes.

Note to student researchers: Be sure to send a thank you note/card to each professor who allows you to visit his/her classroom to gather your data.