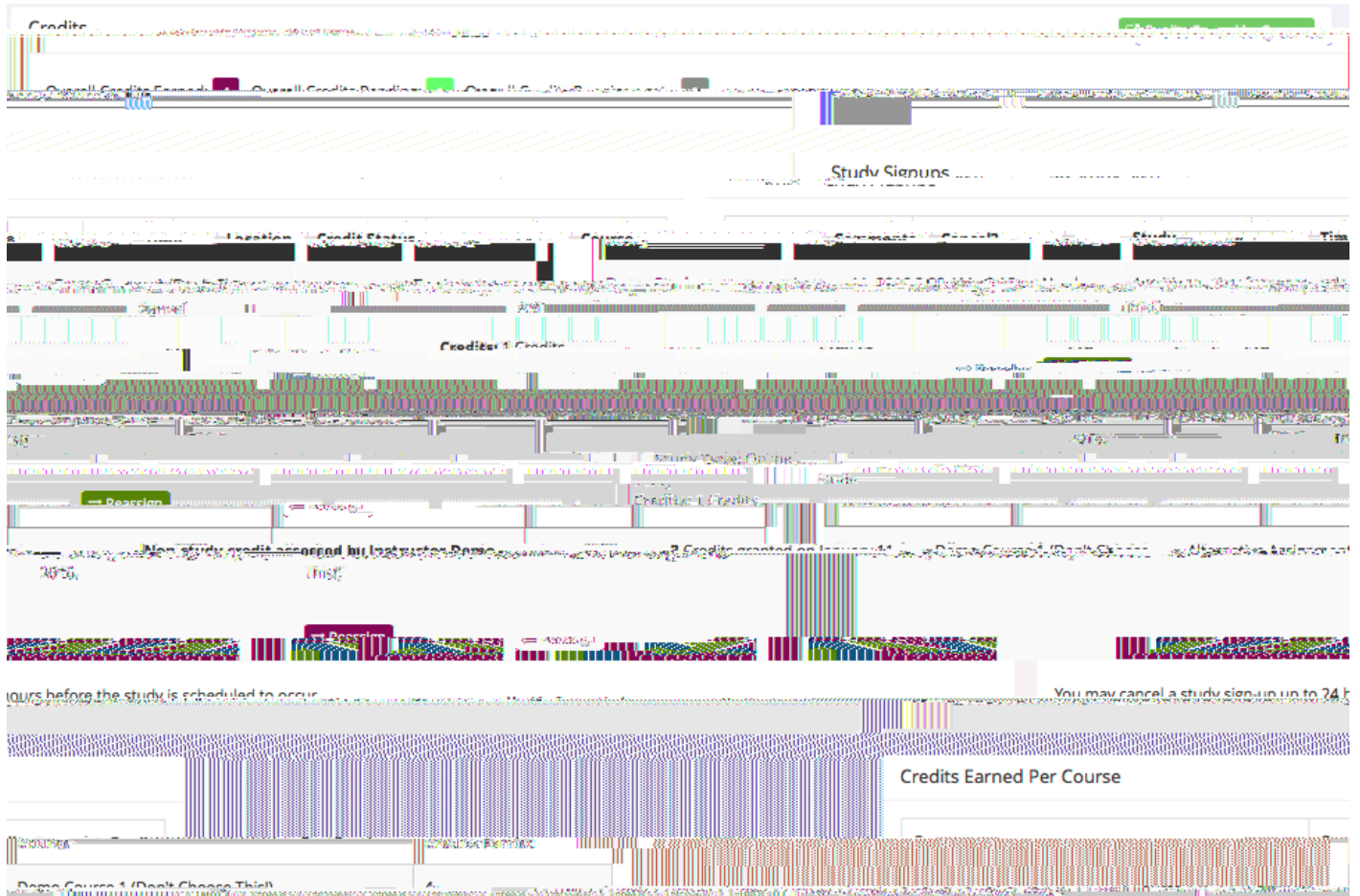


Viewing, Signing Up and Cancelling Studies:

Although there may be a few studies available near the beginning of the semester, most studies will become available around mid-semester. To view a list of available studies, click on the “Studies” link on the menu bar at the top of the screen on the main page. You will see a list of studies with available time slots. A brief description of each study will be listed, as well as any special



For the above example, you can see that the student has earned 4 credits and has 1 credit pending. The student is signed up to participate in “Demo Study” in which the credit status is “Awaiting action from researcher”, which means that the credit is still pending. The student has participated in “Demo Study 2” and has been granted 1 credit. The student also has been awarded 3 “Non-study” credits. These credits are typically allocated by psychology instructors when a student participates in the alternative assignment option. Thus, all credits (both credits earned through research participation and alternative assignments) can be tracked and allocated through the sona-systems website. You can also see that the student has chosen to allocate all 4 of their credits to “Demo Course 1”. If the student wished to reallocate credit to another course, they would simply click the “reassign” button for whichever experiment they experiment.

No Shows:

If you show up too late to participate (usually more than 5 minutes late) or fail to show up for an experiment, it will be counted as an unexcused absence unless you have appropriate documentation. In cases of an emergency (i.e., illness, car accident, etc.), please email or call the researcher (not the system administrator); researcher email addresses are listed in the study information. If you can provide documentation (i.e., a doctor’s note, police report, etc.), your absence will be excused. There is no penalty for being absent. *However, if you are absent twice (without cancelling 24 hours in advance or providing appropriate documentation), you will be ineligible to sign up for additional experiments.* You can check this by clicking on the “My Schedule/Credits” option on the main menu. A “Failure to appear – unexcused” will appear under the “Credit Status” of a study that has indicated an unexcused no-show.

Additional Information:

The deadline for completing (and allocating) credits for experiment participation is the last day of classes (not including finals week). Specifically, experiments must be completed no later than 11:59 p.m. on the last day of classes. Alternative assignments must be turned no later than the date specified by the instructor.

Participation in all experiments is strictly voluntary. You will be informed of the experimental procedures at the start of every study. You have the right to withdraw from any experiment, the right to refuse answering any question, and the right to withdraw your data in any experiment without penalty. In order to ensure that a high level of ethical standards for research procedures are met, all of the experiments offered through the Psychology Department must have been reviewed and approved by the college's Human Subjects Research Review Committee.

For legal reasons, the research participation option is not available t

