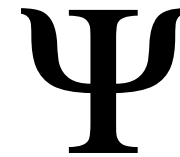


Research Participation Log 2018/2019



Level 5 Research
Design and Analysis
(M5X00913)

Study One

Study Code: SWANS_CREDIT_LM

1) Was the BPS Code of Human Research Ethics followed? (E.g. was informed consent gained? Were you aware of your right to withdraw? Was confidentiality upheld?)

Yes

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No

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If not, which guidelines were not followed?

Describe how the ethical guidelines were followed?

The researcher followed the ethical guidelines by addressing the British Psychological Society code of ethics (BPS, 2018). The ethical guidelines were followed in a way that ensured that the study did not cause harm to the participant by ensuring the study was designed with integrity, quality. The researcher was respectful and informed me that I could withdraw from the study at any time. The researcher gave brief information about the study and asked that if I wished to continue to read over the consent form. If I was happy with the nature of the study, then I could sign and date the form. The researcher also asked if I had any questions before beginning and if there was an issue to let her know. The researcher did inform me that the data would be kept confidential and the data would not be traced back to me.

Note:

Code of Ethics and Conduct (2018). Retrieved March 22, 2019,

From

<https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/bps-code-ethics-and-conduct>

How were you fully debriefed after completing the study? Were you given opportunity to discuss with the researcher after completion?

The researcher informed me to let her know once I had finished completing the study. The researcher gave me a consent form which explained what the researcher was looking for. The researcher asked did I have any questions and If I needed to discuss anything further then to contact them or the supervisor for more guidance. The researcher thanked me for taking part in the research study

Are there any areas of improvement for this research study? (think about the materials used in the study and how the researcher carried out the study)

The researcher could have improved the study by using a longitudinal study, where they could have given a questionnaire on attitudes towards suicide and given more information (such as leaflets on suicide awareness) and followed up a week later with the same questionnaire overall, this study was my favourite as it was very well thought out and very effective.

Name (PRINT): Bethan Howard

Sign: B Howard

Date: 22/03/219.

Briefly describe/outline the study you participated in (What were you asked to do? Did you understand the purpose before/during the study?)

The research study investigated whether change blindness tasks enable the examination of whether shape and colour are bound for object representation in long-term memory, or independent. For the research study I was asked to review 40 different objects that are used every day, after reviewing the 40 objects, I completed a task on change detection which was then followed by a distraction task. For the distraction task I was given five minutes to complete a series of anagrams which was timed by the researcher. After the series of anagrams, I completed the research study with an object recognition task. The researcher explained each stage of the study to best of their ability, however I did ask the researcher to repeat a few parts of the study as I did not understand the purpose completely. I understood the purpose better during the study.

Briefly describe your experience of taking part in this research study (positive aspects/issues that may have impacted your participation)

Through participating in the study, I found the experience of the study extremely interesting due to the attention of detail that was included in the study, I also found that I was concentrating more to try and notice the changes that were occurring, however I did not notice a lot of the changes. The issues that may have impacted my participation in the study is that it takes longer for me to process information and it also takes me longer to understand what is asked due to certain learning difficulties.

How were you fully debriefed after completing the study? Were you given opportunity to discuss with the researcher after completion?

I was informed after the research study was finished, to let the researcher know. The researcher thanked me for taking part in the study and if I had any questions about the research. I was happy with the study and did not have any questions for the researcher. I was then given a debrief form, the researcher then informed me what was the purpose of the research study and what they were looking to explore. I was also reminded that the data would be kept confidential and it would not be traced back to me. The researcher then informed me if I had any concerns to contact them or the academic supervisor, and informed me the contact details were on the debrief form.

Are there any areas of improvement for this research study? (think about the materials used in the study and how the researcher carried out the study)

Overall the study was good and I enjoyed it, however the study could have been improved by being clearer on the instructions or having a copy of instructions for the study for the participants to read.

Name (PRINT): Bethan Howard

Sign: B Howard.

Date: 21/03/2019.

Briefly describe/outline the study you participated in (What were you asked to do? Did you understand the purpose before/during the study?)

The study that I participated in involved completing two paper based questionnaires, and watching a campaign video clip on public suicide awareness and then completing the same questionnaires after the video. I understood the purpose before the study was conducted because I thought the researcher explained the study clearly.

Briefly describe your experience of taking part in this research study (positive aspects/issues that may have impacted your participation)

Overall my experience from the study was positive. The researcher dealt with the sensitive topic very well and the study did not make me uncomfortable in any way. I felt the study was very well thought out and my experience from the study made me feel more aware about suicide awareness.

Study Three Study Code: SWANSA_CREDIT_JM

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1) Was the BPS Code of Human Research Ethics followed? (E.g. was informed consent gained? Were you aware of your right to withdraw? Was confidentiality upheld?)



If not, which guidelines were not followed?

Describe how the ethical guidelines were followed?

The ethical guidelines were followed by following the BPS code of ethics (BPS, 2018) The researcher showed respect, competence, integrity and responsibility. The researcher stated that the study was a sensitive subject and would I still like to continue. I agreed to continue with the study and the researcher gave me time to read over the consent form, after collecting the consent form, the researcher gave brief information about the study and that it would be two questionnaires, watch a video on a sensitive topic and fill out another two questions. The researcher also asked if I had any questions before beginning and if there was an issue to let her know. The researcher did inform me that the data would be kept confidential and the data would not be traced back to me and that I could withdraw at any time.

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Study Two Study Code: Swan_Credit_AO

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1) Was the BPS Code of Human Research Ethics followed? (E.g. was informed consent gained? Were you aware of your right to withdraw? Was confidentiality upheld?)

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If not, which guidelines were not followed?

The guideline that was not followed was the BPS Code of Ethics and Conduct as the start of the study was not professional, a participant was late for a study and the researcher asked if I would like to participate, however after going into the labs and being explained what the study was about, the late participant turned up and I was asked if I could leave and do the study after that participant. The researcher failed to show responsibility, the BPS (2018) states that researchers must accept appropriate responsibility that is within their management or control, also I did find this a bit disrespectful.

Describe how the ethical guidelines were followed?

Some of the ethical guidelines were followed, such as the researcher gave a brief introduction of what the study was and gave me the consent form to read and sign, and did state that I could withdraw from the study at any time.

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How were you fully debriefed after completing the study? Were you given opportunity to discuss with the researcher after completion?

After I finished the study, the researcher did explain what she was looking for, and I was given a debrief form, however I was not asked if I had any questions or if I did have any concerns, to contact the researcher or supervisor. The researcher did thank me for participating.

Are there any areas of improvement for this research study? (think about the materials used in the study and how the researcher carried out the study)

The research study has many areas that are needed for improvement such as the researcher should act in a way that is more professional, and if someone is in the lab, they should not be sent out. The researchers could have been more organized to ensure that the participants are given the correct papers. The researcher also should give an opportunity to discuss and be open to questions in case they have concerns and are not sure who to inform.

Name (PRINT: Bethan Howard

Sign: B Howard.

Date: 22/03/2019

Briefly describe/outline the study you participated in (What were you asked to do? Did you understand the purpose before/during the study?)

For this research study I was asked to read a paper based time-line report that involved a serious violent incident about a suspect and the victim, after being presented with the time line report I had to state what time during the incident I would have intervened, I then had to rate how serious dangerous, and violent I felt the incident was. After completing I was asked to redo the study by using another timeline report. I did understand the purpose before starting the study.

Briefly describe your experience of taking part in this research study (positive aspects/issues that may have impacted your participation)

Overall the experience of taking part in the research study was not the best due to the researcher being unprofessional. The researcher did not seem that interested in their own research and did not seem to want to be there. The researcher gave the demographic data and I was informed to start the study, when the researcher came to check, they realised that they had not given me the first time-line report, therefore the study did feel disorganised. The paper based time-line report was a little bit confusing and I was not sure where to put my responses.