

## Linguistics Beyond the Classroom: Information for RESEARCHERS

LBC Website: <http://ling.hawaii.edu/sites/lbc/>

The Linguistics Beyond the Classroom (LBC) program is an educational program that serves to expose undergraduate students to how language scholars collect data about language, and to create a human subject pool for affiliated departments. As a student, faculty member, or visitor to the department, your research projects can be part of the LBC program, by having students participate as research subjects in your study, such as by providing judgments to linguistic stimuli, responding to language surveys, or participating in experiments.

### Brief summary of program information:

1. Each research activity should consist of a single session. The total duration of the session should typically be at least 30 minutes (including the consent process, practice, participation in the main project, any additional components of the session such as cloze testing, and feedback). Shorter sessions may require additional justification for approval. The total duration should typically be under 90 minutes for most participants (i.e. excluding outlier participants who take especially long to participate). Submit additional materials to the LBC committee for review if the total duration will require an average time commitment on the part of the student participant that is greater than 90 minutes, or if there might be substantial numbers of participants who require more than 90 minutes.
2. **All LBC research activities must be approved by the LBC committee.**
3. All LBC activities must contain a clear educational component appropriate for undergraduate Linguistics or SLS students. Researchers will be required to provide educational handouts (written feedback forms) to all participants; these must be written in language accessible to undergraduates in introductory courses.
4. A limit may be set by the LBC committee on the number of participants you can use in your research, depending on other LBC approved studies open at the time and the number and enrollment of courses involved in the program. Use of participants from the LBC program is open to any student, faculty member, or visitor in the Department of Linguistics and the Department of Second Language Studies.
5. The LBC committee will ensure that at least one research project per semester will be made open to any student who must fulfill the LBC requirement (although the number of participant slots may be limited). Other research projects may place limits on participants, such as age or native language. You may be asked to make your project open to a wider range of students than necessary for your research question.
6. The LBC program provides alternative activities to participating as subjects in research. Currently, the primary alternative is an option to watch a video related to language research. Failure to provide alternatives to participating in research is a violation of research ethics and could jeopardize the LBC program and other research involving human subjects at UH.
7. Students will fill out a brief participation credit questionnaire ("project feedback forms") after participating in research activities, using an online form. Research project participation forms will be automatically emailed to course instructors, who will use them to keep track of credit for the students. The forms will also be submitted the LBC committee and passed on to you, who will get feedback from the forms.
8. Approved research projects are limited to those in which filling out the participation credit questionnaire would not subject the student to social or emotional risk (e.g., by identifying the student to his/her instructor as a member of a stigmatized category). **All research projects must have completed review with the UH Committee on Human Studies before they can be approved by the LBC Committee.**
9. Research projects are approved on a rolling basis. The website listing research project options will be updated throughout the semester.
10. The LBC committee will work with the UH Committee on Human Studies to verify that the LBC program is in compliance with regulations on the use of human subjects. Individual investigators will still be responsible for completing a human subjects review for each research project.
11. All researchers are required to have completed CITI or NIH training no more than three years prior to the date of LBC application. Researchers must supply proof of the ethics training before a study will be approved for LBC.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions for improvement, please direct them to:

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