

My seminar class had intrigued me to experiment, especially since it was about snakes and we had snakes available in a laboratory. For my final project, I had decided to conduct an experiment and the concept of classical conditioning came to my mind. Usually, operant conditioning is more used with animals or some type of reward is given when trying to reinforce a behavior you want, but I wanted to focus entirely on classical conditioning so I would be able to relate the occurrences and results more to a realistic perception. Time was limited since we had barely two weeks left and I was given a certain period of time to enter the lab. It was a complicated process of trying to adequately manage the time I signed up for and be able to perform the experiment in a satisfactory manner where it would yield good results, inferences, and understandings.

It was also difficult to find information online since snake experiments were not as common and more focused on involving human participants when it was related to classical conditioning. Certain online articles and studies had provided documentation and facts about snake species and data relative to what I would need in order to support my experiment. I had used the library's established articles and databases system along with online sources outside of the library. Research takes time and you have to commit to the subject/area of interest and find what is related and support your study with the available material to make it stronger. If I had more time when I was experimenting, I would have thought about my plan in more detail and would have looked at more experiments and articles that would have aided me in the process. I would suggest they should not rush to get results and attempt research in a well-paced manner in order to have more of a basis for what they are going to do or are doing and be able to approach their idea(s) or study with better comprehension.