

Sample Consent Form

[Insert Title of Study and "Consent Form"]

You are invited to be in research study of *[insert general statement about study]*. You were selected as a possible participant because *[insert explanation of selection process; for example, being a member of a certain course]*. We ask that you read this form and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to be in the study.

This study is being conducted by *[insert names of researchers and institutional affiliations]*.

Background Information:

The purpose of this study is to: *[insert general explanation of the purpose of the study in language at the eighth-grade level]*.

Procedures:

If you agree to be in this study, we would ask you to: *[insert explanation of the nature of the tasks and procedures; participants should be told what is going to be expected of them and the length of time likely to be involved]*.

Risks and Benefits of Being in the Study:

The study has the following risks: *[insert explanation of the risks involved including the likelihood of such risks; if there are no risks involved, this should be stated]*.

The direct benefits to participation are: *[insert explanation of direct benefits such as money, course points, etc.; if there are no direct benefits, this should be stated]*. If you choose not to participate *[insert explanation of alternative means for obtaining benefits]*.

Indirect benefits to participation are: *[insert explanation of how participants may contribute to general knowledge regarding the topic, improved programs, increased self-knowledge, etc.]*.

Confidentiality:

The records from this study will be kept private. In any sort of report that we might publish, we will not include any information that will make it possible to identify you. Records will be kept *[insert location where records will be kept confidential]*.

Voluntary Nature of the Study:

Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relations with the College or with your Professor in this course. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw from the study at any time without affecting those relationships.

Submission of completed materials indicates your consent to participate in this research.

[Insert line and language for parents to indicate their consent if any individuals participating are under the age of 18]

Contacts and Questions:

If you have any questions, please ask them now. If you have questions later, please contact *[insert names and contact information for researchers]*.