

## **Informed Consent Form**

We ask that you read this document and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to be in the study.

### Background Information:

The purpose of this study is to assess student learning in the LIBR 100 course through an analysis of several assignments that you completed this semester. We hope to find out whether these assignments are an effective means to measuring information literacy skills gained over the course of the semester. The assignments will be limited to:

1. Audio recording you completed at beginning of semester describing the research process you would follow if writing a paper on global warming.
2. Audio recording you completed at the end of the semester describing the research process you would follow if writing a paper on global warming.
3. Results of a self-assessment survey comparing the first process to the second process that you just completed in class.

The research is being done by your professor, Brian Lym, along with Lauren Yannotta, who is a librarian at Hunter College and Shiao-Chuan Kung, who is an educational technologist at Hunter College.

### What will happen:

If you agree to participate in this study, we will use your three completed assignments listed above to analyze whether information literacy skills have improved this semester. We will do this by comparing your first audio recording to your second audio recording. We will also look at the written self-assessment you completed today to see how you perceived that your skills have improved.

### Risks and Benefits of Being in the Study:

There are no risks associated with participation in this study. There are no direct benefits.

Confidentiality:

The records of this study will be kept private. We will remove any identifying information from the assignments before they are analyzed. In any sort of report we might publish, we will not include any information that will make it possible to identify you. Although your name will not be associated with any data, your instructor will be aware of your participation after the semester has ended so your participation will not be anonymous. The assignments will be stored on a flash drive which will be secured in a locked office. The data will be stored for a minimum of five years. After that, all materials may be destroyed. As long as it exists, the data will be kept secure.

Voluntary Nature of the Study:

Participation in this study is voluntary. You are free to withdraw at any time without penalty. Participation or non-participation will have NO impact on your grade for this course. Your instructor will not be informed of participants until after the semester has ended and grades have been submitted.

Contacts and Questions:

If you have questions about the study, please ask us now or contact Lauren Yannotta at Hunter College Libraries at 212-650-3936 (lyannott@hunter.cuny.edu). Should you have any questions regarding your rights as a participant or if you feel you have been harmed as a result of your participation in this research, please contact the Hunter College IRB coordinator,Carolynn Julien, at 212-650-3053.

You may ask any questions you have now.

Statement of Consent:

I have read the contents of this consent form and have been encouraged to ask questions. I have received answers to my questions. I give my consent to participate in this study. I have received a copy of this form for my records and future reference.

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Researcher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_