

## **Adult Informed Consent Form**

**Title of Investigation:** Relations Between Gender, Activity, and Psychological Well-Being

**Institution:** Radford University, Department of Psychology

**Primary Investigator:** Jenessa Steele, PhD, Assistant Professor

**Research Assistants:** Undergraduate students enrolled in PSYC 201: Psychology Research Methods in Spring 2006, Section 1 and Section 2.

**Study Description and Purpose:** The purpose of this study is to evaluate the relations between gender, weekly activities, and psychological well-being among students at Radford University. This study is being conducted as part of a class research project for Psychology Research Methods (Psyc201, sections 1 and 2) at Radford University. Information provided in this study will not extend beyond the purposes of this course. You are being asked to participate in the study as volunteer, because you are a student currently enrolled in courses at Radford University. Approximately 150 participants will be recruited for this study.

**Study Procedure:** Please take approximately 20 minutes to complete the brief survey. The survey is comprised of three sections. The first section requests that you report the number of hours you spend doing 22 activities. The second section involves answering seven questions regarding psychological well-being. The final section requests your demographic information. If you should have any questions while completing the survey, please ask one of our research assistants. Once you have completed the survey, please fold it, place it in the provided envelope and seal the envelope.

**Confidentiality:** All information you report will remain completely confidential. All information you provide on the study survey will be associated with a numerical code. Thus, no identifiable information will be obtained. Your information will be placed in a sealed envelope to only be opened by the Primary Investigator. All of your provided information will be entered using your numerical code in a statistical data base. At no time will your name be associated with any data you provide.

**Discomforts, Risks, and Benefits:** If you should experience any discomfort while completing the study survey, you may withdraw from participating at any time without penalty. There are no expected risks for participating in this study. Although this study does not pose any direct benefit to the participant, participation in the study benefits furthering the Psychology Research Methods knowledge of students enrolled in PSYC 201. The alternative to participating in this study is to not participate in this study.

**Voluntary participation:** Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. Thus, you will not receive any financial remuneration for your participation. You may chose to not answer any questions presented on the survey without penalty. Also, you may withdraw from participating in this study at any time without penalty.

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This is to certify that I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree to participate as a volunteer in a scientific investigation as an authorized part of the education and research program of Radford University under the supervision of Dr. Jenessa Steele.

The investigation and my part in the investigation have been defined and fully explained to me by \_\_\_\_\_, and I understand his/her explanation. A copy of the procedures of this investigation and a description of any risks and discomforts has been provided to me and has been discussed with me.

I have been given an opportunity to ask whatever questions I may have had and all such questions and inquiries have been answered to my satisfaction.

I understand that I am free to deny any answers to specific items or questions in interviews or surveys.

I understand that any data or answers to questions will remain confidential with regard to my identity.

I understand that, in an event of physical injury resulting from this investigation, neither financial compensation nor free medical treatment will be provided by Radford University for the injury. Further, I agree that I will not hold Radford University responsible for any liability for personal injury I may incur in the course or as a result of the study.

I understand that my participation is voluntary and that my decision whether or not to participate will not affect any present or future relationship with Radford University.

This study was approved by the Radford University Committee for the Review of Human Subjects Research (Executive Director of Sponsored Programs, Janet Hahn, 831-5035). All investigators and research assistants have successfully completed certification in ethics in conducting research with human subjects.

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I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT I AM FREE TO WITHDRAW MY CONSENT AND TERMINATE MY PARTICIPATION AT ANY TIME.

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Subject

I, the undersigned, have defined and fully explained the investigation to the above subject.

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Date

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Investigator's Signature