

Psychology Department Prescreening Study Informed Consent Form

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First of all, participation is completely voluntary: You can decide right now, or at any time, to not participate.

Second, your responses will remain confidential: The data will be downloaded from the secure software site (Qualtrics) and saved electronically to secure (personal) University space that is password protected. As the person in charge of this study, I alone will have access to the datafile. However, as other researchers in the Department ask for access to the file, they will be allowed to obtain it if you give your permission for this (described below). They too, in turn, will then keep the datafile secured.

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In terms of benefit to you, one main benefit of your participation is the opportunity it affords of you of gaining a “backstage” look at how research is conducted. You will receive 1 extra-credit point in your psychology class for participating. Additionally, your participation may help you obtain further credit. If you request this option, you may be invited, but would not be obligated, to participate in other studies this semester for additional credit; this is why we ask for your name and email address. This will be explained further at the end of the questionnaire.

Also, we are obligated to tell you that this study involves what researchers call "low-to-no risk"; that is, there are few, if any, possible negative consequences (e.g., emotional effects) of participating.

If you choose to participate, do so at a time when you will be alone and not bothered by roommates, TV, or music. It is important that you find a quiet time and place to participate in private; be sure to seek no assistance, suggestions, or input from others. Your responses must come from you alone; any other source of input will compromise the integrity of the results on which researchers are relying.

If you wish to participate, provide your informed consent by indicating your agreement below. Doing so will indicate that you:

- a) have read and understand this information,
- b) are at least 18 or have a parent consent form on file in the Department, and
- c) consent to participate.

Do you have any questions or problems? If so, contact Dr. Alexandra Corning at acorning@nd.edu or 631-9928.

- Yes, I give my informed consent to participate.
 - No, I do not give my consent (so I will exit the survey now).
 - I want to participate but I am not yet 18. I am not sure if I have a parent consent form on file.
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IF PARTICIPANT CLICKED "YES," THEN THIS PAGE NEXT APPEARS:

Have you been offered a copy of the informed consent form? (*On the previous page, we suggested you print it for your records if want to retain a copy. This was us offering you a copy.*)

- Yes
 - No
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AND, IF PARTICIPANT CLICKED "YES," THEN THIS PAGE APPEARS:

Please type in today's date (like this, MM/DD/YY, for example, 08/25/12):

IF PARTICIPANT CLICKED "NO," THEN THIS PAGE APPEARS:

We're sorry to hear that you have decided to not participate. If you change your mind, you can log in again to see if the questionnaire link is still active.

- OK
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**IF PARTICIPANT CLICKED “I WANT TO PARTICIPATE BUT I AM NOT YET 18...”
THEN THIS PAGE APPEARS:**

You clicked on “I want to participate but I am not yet 18. I am not sure if I have a parent consent form on file.” If you are not sure, you probably don’t have a form on file yet. We can take care of this quickly.

1. E-mail or mail this form to your parent(s). (If your parent(s) is/are unable to receive emails and you would like to expedite sending the form via US Mail, you may ask the Department to ship the form overnight to your parent(s).)
 2. Your parent(s) then should read and sign this form if they choose to provide permission for your participation.
 3. Your parent(s) then should either scan in the signed and dated full informed consent form and email it to Senior Administrative Assistant, Ms. Rhonda Singleton (Rhonda.S.Singleton.12@nd.edu), or else fax it to the Department at 574.631-8883, care of Ms. Rhonda Singleton.
 4. You then will need to read and sign the form yourself to provide your *assent* which is the term used when minors give their permission to participate once parents have given their informed consent as legal guardians. To do this, please email the support staff to inquire as to its arrival. To expedite this process, you also may print a copy of the form for yourself, complete and sign it, and then deliver it to Ms. Rhonda Singleton in 114 Haggar Hall. Once your parents’ signed copy arrives, you may then begin participation.
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**Parental Informed Consent for Minor Child to Participate
in University of Notre Dame Psychology Department Prescreen Study**

I/We have read and understand this information and my/our minor child,
_____, has my/our permission to participate in the Department
of Psychology's prescreening. (Only one signature below is necessary.)

Do you have any questions or problems? If so, contact Dr. Alexandra Corning at
acorning@nd.edu or 574.631-9928.

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Following parental consent as indicated by signature(s) above, the minor student, if choosing to participate, indicates her/his assent by signing below. The student may discontinue her/his participation at any time.

Minor Student Assent

I, _____, give my assent to participate in the Department of
Psychology's prescreening.

Student Signature

Date