

-- SAMPLE CONSENT FORM FOR USE BY STUDENT INVESTIGATORS --

INFORMED CONSENT FOR HUMAN SUBJECT RESEARCH
ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

You are being asked to volunteer for participation in a research project. Before giving your consent, it is important that you read the following information and ask all questions you need answered to be sure you understand what you will be asked to do.

Investigator

My name is John Doe. I am a student in Senior Research Seminar (PSY 460) of the Psychology Department at Saint Joseph's College. My faculty advisor is Dr. Smith. If you have any questions or concerns about this research, she can be contacted in person at Room 000 in O'Connor Hall, by phone at 000-0000, or by email at jsmith@sjcny.edu.

Purpose of the Research

This research is designed to investigate some personality traits of students taking psychology courses. It also will partially satisfy the requirements of my research seminar and give me added experience in conducting research.

Procedures

If you volunteer, you will be asked to report some demographic information and complete two paper-and-pencil measures of personality that should take about 20 minutes to finish. To maximize the validity of the results, some information about the study is being withheld at this time. However, a full explanation will be provided to you immediately after testing is complete. In addition, you can read a summary of the purpose and results of this research which will be posted after May 30, 20XX at the link for Senior Thesis Projects located in the St. Joseph's Psychology Department website.

Potential Risks or Discomfort

Based on their use in past research, there are no foreseeable risks or discomfort expected with these procedures.

Potential Benefits of the Research

For participants, I expect direct benefits will be limited to some experience with the research process. Participation also will satisfy the

research experience requirement in Introduction to Psychology (PSY 100).

Confidentiality and Data Storage

As your individual responses will not be associated with your identity in any way, they will be completely anonymous. The data collected will be stored in Dr. Smith's office for three years. Access to individual responses will be limited to college and/or public officials presenting legal authority for such access.

Participation and Withdrawal

You may refuse to participate in this research without penalty. If you choose to participate, you are free to withdraw at any time without penalty. To withdraw, simply indicate your desire to do so. I will collect the measures given to you and destroy them. However, since individual responses are anonymous, your completed data cannot be withdrawn from the study after it has been collected.

Ethical Review

The ethics of this research project were reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of St. Joseph's College. If you believe there has been any infringement of your rights as a research subject, you should contact the IRB chairperson whose contact information can be found online through the IRB link located at the St. Joseph's College website.

Participant Agreement

I have read the information provided above. My signature below indicates my voluntary consent to participate in this research. (Please return one copy of the consent form and keep one copy for your records).

Participant's Signature

Date