

**PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR CHILD’S PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH STUDY**  
“Introductory Psychology Pre-screening and Research Participation”

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**Department:** Psychology

**What is the purpose of this research?**

We are asking your child to be in research studies on various topics in psychology. Your child is invited to participate in these studies because s/he is enrolled in an Introductory Psychology course at DePaul University which has a research requirement that can be fulfilled either by participating in studies or by writing papers. These studies are being conducted by faculty and students in the Psychology Department at DePaul University.

**How much time will this take?**

The studies will each take about 30 minutes to a few hours of your child’s time. A total of 5 hours (or 5 papers) is required, and up to 2 additional hours (or 2 additional papers) can be completed for additional credit. If your child chooses to complete the optional prescreening survey that survey will take about 30 minutes.

**What is involved in being in the research study?**

If you allow your child to be in these studies, s/he may be asked to fill out surveys, read texts or watch videos and answer questions about them, and various other tasks depending on which studies your child chooses to participate in. He or she will also be asked to complete an optional “Prescreening” survey of demographic information that is used to select participants for subsequent studies. The Prescreening survey may also include additional survey questions about their opinions and experiences to determine their eligibility for subsequent studies. Completion of the Prescreening survey is optional, and participants can choose to decline to answer any individual questions on the Prescreening survey.

**What are the risks involved in participating in these studies?**

Being in these studies does not involve any risks other than what your child would encounter in daily life. They can decline to answer any questions they do not wish to answer.

**What are the benefits of my child’s participation in these studies?**

Your child will not personally benefit from being in these studies (other than receiving credit towards the course research requirement and learning about how research is done). However, we hope that these studies will help us learn about various aspects of human psychology. Any specific risks or benefits for a particular study will be explained to your child before he or she decides whether to participate.

**Can I decide not to allow my child to participate? If so, are there other options?**

Yes, you can choose not to allow your child to participate. Even if you allow your child to be in these studies now, you can change your mind later, and your child can leave the studies. There will be no negative consequences if you decide not to allow your child to participate or change your mind later. Also, even if you give your permission, your child may decide that s/he does not want to be in these studies, and that is ok with us. If your child does not participate in research studies to fulfill the course research requirement, he or she can write a series of short papers to fulfill the requirement instead.

**How will the confidentiality of the research records be protected?**

The records of this study will be kept confidential. In any report we might publish, we will not include any information that will identify your child. Research records will be stored securely, and only the researchers and system administrators will have access to the records that identify your child by name. Some people might review our records in order to make sure we are doing what we are supposed to. For example, the DePaul University Institutional Review Board or the funding agency for a particular research project may review your child's information. If they look at our records, they will keep your child's information confidential.

**Whom can I contact for more information?**

If you have questions about these studies, please contact the Psychology Department (773-325-7887), or email [psychexperiments@depaul.edu](mailto:psychexperiments@depaul.edu).

This research has been reviewed and approved by the DePaul Institutional Review Board (IRB). If you have questions about your rights as a research subject you may contact Jessica Bloom in the Office of Research Services at 312-362-6168 or by email at [jbloom8@depaul.edu](mailto:jbloom8@depaul.edu).

You may also contact DePaul's Office of Research Services if:

- Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone besides the research team.

*You will be given a copy of this information to keep for your records.*

**Statement of Consent:**

I have read the above information. I have all my questions answered. (Check one:)

I permit my child to be in this study.

I **DO NOT** permit my child to be in this study.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_