



**ADULT INFORMED CONSENT TEMPLATE and SAMPLE:
The Study Information Page for Minimal-Risk Studies**

**Title of the Survey
(not necessarily the same title as your IRB Application)**

Thank the potential participants for participating in your research project. Use the word “research”. Introduce all the researcher(s).

Purpose: Describe the hypothesis or goal of your study. If concealment is being used, you may add: “Some information about the study's purpose is being withheld from you to improve data quality. You will be fully debriefed at the end of the survey on the full purpose of the study.”

Who Can Participate: Describe the inclusion and exclusion criteria for participation. They all must be adults, 18+ to participate.

Procedure: Describe what the participants will be asked to do in enough detail that allow them to make an informed decision to continue or not. If any physical activity is involved, describe any possible limitations that would prevent someone from participating. Describe the inclusion of any potentially triggering content. Provide the estimated duration of the whole experiment.

Risks: Describe the risks to participating, including possible negative reactions or feelings. If there is any possibility of negative reactions, you must include resources in the debriefing at the end of the survey (Counseling, Suicide Hotline, Title IX Office, etc.)

Potential Benefits: Describe how participation may benefit the participant and others. (examples: helping the advancement in science, contributing to our body of knowledge, helping the participant learn about themselves or given issues, etc.) Points, extra credit, or gift cards are not a benefit.

Compensation: Describe compensation, such as extra credit or gift cards. If there is no compensation, write, “Participants will not be compensated.”

Privacy and Confidentiality: Describe how data will be collected, protected, shared, stored, and reported. Note: Students are not anonymous if participants appear in person because the participants *are seen and possibly recognized* by the researchers. In this case, the data collection instrument may be anonymous, but the whole study is not. Therefore, you should say you will “keep all data confidential.”

Voluntary Nature of this Study: Explain that participation is voluntary and describe how participants may leave the experiment if desired. If the survey has all forced responses, do not say, “You may skip any question.”

Contacts and Questions: Provide names and contact information for all researchers. Include this sentence: “If you have questions or concerns about the rights and welfare of research participants, please contact the MCC Institutional Review Board at IRB@mohave.edu”

Consent

Participant Rights

- You have been given an opportunity to read and discuss the informed consent and ask questions about this study;
- You have been given enough time to consider whether or not you want to participate;
- You have read and understand the terms and conditions and agree to take part in this research study;
- You understand your participation is voluntary and that you may stop participation at any time without penalty.

Your signature means that you understand your rights listed above and agree to participate in this study.

Signature line and date

For electronic forms, provide a signature text block and date. Once the consent has been given, the individual can be directed to either a survey or contact information form.

SAMPLE CONSENT PAGE:

Attachment Styles and Academic Choices

Thank you for participating in our research study. This project is being conducted by Sally Smith, Jenny Jones, and Michael Miller, professors.

Purpose: The purpose of this research is to explore issues of attachment styles and resulting academic choices. We are studying how students' perceptions helped form their decision-making process. Some information about the study's purpose is being withheld from you to improve data quality. You will be fully debriefed at the end of the survey on the full purpose of the study.

Who Can Participate: Current MCC students who are 18 years and older.

Procedure: You will need to complete this anonymous online survey in which you will be asked to answer questions about your childhood and your academic experiences. This survey will take 15-20 minutes to complete.

Risks: Some individuals may experience temporary discomfort if they are not pleased with their previous academic choices or with the status of their relationship with their family. Resources for support are listed on the last page of this survey.

Potential Benefits: Research participants will be contributing to the knowledge base of young adult development and may feel good about helping research efforts. Students who are pleased with their academic choices may experience some pride upon evaluation of their success.

Compensation: Participants will receive a \$5 Starbucks gift card.

Privacy and Confidentiality: All data and identifiers will be kept confidential. No information you share electronically can be traced to you or the computer you are using. All data will be stored on a secure, password-protected computer. Your data, even with identifiers removed, will not be used or distributed for future research studies. No identifying information about you will appear in any published results.

Voluntary Nature of this Study: Your participation is voluntary, and you may refuse to participate or withdraw at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. You may also refuse to answer certain questions. If at any

time you do not want to participate anymore, you may choose to leave the experiment.

Contacts and Questions: If you have any questions about this study or any of these procedures, please contact XXXX at this time or contact them later by email. If you have questions or concerns about the rights and welfare of research participants, please contact the MCC Institutional Review Board at IRB@mohave.edu

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