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Parental Permission for SONA Prescreen & Postscreen Surveys

Title: SONA Prescreen Survey for PSY 301 Research Requirement

Introduction

Your child is enrolled in PSY 301 (Introduction to Psychology) at The University of Texas at Austin. The course includes a 5 hour Research Requirement where students can either complete 5 hours of research studies or complete a 5 page research paper. Students that are younger than 18 years old are considered minors and cannot complete research studies per federal regulations (45 CFR 46). They must wait until their 18th birthday passes before they can sign-up and complete studies for their research requirement. Otherwise, they can complete the research paper to satisfy their research requirement. However, if you sign this form, they can complete the SONA Prescreen & Post-Screen Surveys that are offered at the beginning and end of the semester. The purpose of this form is to provide you (as the parent/guardian) information that may affect your decision as to whether or not to let your child participate in the surveys. Read the information below and email or call the research coordinator (contact info below) with any questions you might have before deciding whether or not to give your permission for your child to take part. If you decide to let your child complete the surveys, this form will be used to record your permission.

Purpose of the Study

If you agree, your child will be asked to participate in the SONA Prescreen & Post-Screen Surveys. The purpose of the prescreen is to gather data to find eligible participants for various studies conducted at UT Austin. The purpose of the postscreen is to use the information gathered to identify risk factors and increase the opportunities for success in future students. The data may also be used for other research purposes.

What is my child going to be asked to do?

If you allow your child to participate in the SONA Prescreen & Postscreen Surveys, they will be asked complete online surveys which includes questions about their identifying info (name, UT EID, email, phone number, and date of birth), questions may also include medical and mental health questionnaires, depressions inventories, social anxiety measures, claustrophobia, arachnophobia, acrophobia measures, etc. Your child will also be asked if their transcripts can be shared with the researchers. The prescreen will take 30-60 minutes to complete. The postscreen survey will take 15-25 minutes to complete.

What are the risks involved in this study?

Your child may become bored, fatigued, and/or uncomfortable from answering the surveys. After the first set of basic demographics, your child may skip any questions. If they do not wish to complete the surveys, they are free to opt out, withdraw, or close the browser at any time. Your child will be provided with the link to the UT Counseling and Mental Health Center (<https://cmhc.utexas.edu/>) at the end of the surveys and in their consent forms. Another potential risk is the breach of confidentiality since identifiers are collected and there are limitations of technology. All data will be securely stored and shared through UT box (a secure server) to minimize this risk as much as possible.

What are the possible benefits of this study?

Your child will receive no direct benefit from participating in this prescreen; however, they may indirectly benefit from learning about research through hands on experience. The data collected from the surveys may be used for other research purposes to help further knowledge disseminated to society.

Does my child have to participate?

No, your child's participation in the surveys are voluntary. Your child may decline to participate or to withdraw from participation at any time. Withdrawal or refusing to participate will not affect their relationship with The University of Texas at Austin (University) or their professors in anyway. You can agree to allow your child to be in the study now and change your mind later without any penalty.

If your child will not turn 18 years of age this semester, or they do not wish to participate in studies, they can complete the alternative assignment, the research paper, which is equal in time and effort to completing the research studies. Your child can reach out to their TAs or the Research Coordinator for more information.

What if my child does not want to participate?

In addition to your permission, your child must agree to participate in the surveys. If your child does not want to participate they do not need to complete the surveys and there will be no penalty. If your child initially agrees to complete the surveys they can change their mind later without any penalty.

Will there be any compensation?

Your child will receive 0.5 credits each towards their research requirement for completing the Prescreen survey and opting in for the Postscreen survey. If they skip 30% or more of the Prescreen survey, they will not receive the credit. If they do not complete the Postscreen survey at the end of the semester, the .5 credits will be revoked. They can also decide to complete the alternative assignment, the research paper.

How will your child's privacy and confidentiality be protected if s/he participates in this research study?

Your child's privacy and the confidentiality of his/her data will be protected by keeping all of their information and data (including identifying information) stored on UT's secure server, UT Box. Only researchers that have their own IRB approval to collect the information will have access to the data. All data including identifying information will be kept indefinitely for tracking and research purposes.

If it becomes necessary for the Institutional Review Board to review the study records, information that can be linked to your child will be protected to the extent permitted by law. Your child's research records will not be released without your consent unless required by law or a court order. The data resulting from your child's participation may be made available to other researchers in the future for research purposes not detailed within this consent form. In these cases, the data will contain no identifying information that could associate it with your child, or with your child's participation in the prescreen.

Whom to contact with questions about the study?

You can contact the researcher coordinator, Gina Pollard at 512-471-5175 or send an email to psyresearch@austin.utexas.edu for any questions or if you feel that your child has been harmed. This study has been reviewed and approved by The University Institutional Review Board (IRB) and the study numbers are 2018-06-0012 (prescreen) and 2018-07-0113 (postscreen).

Whom to contact with questions concerning your rights as a research participant?

For questions about your rights or any dissatisfaction with any part of this study, you can contact, anonymously if you wish, the Institutional Review Board by phone at (512) 471-8871 or email at orsc@uts.cc.utexas.edu.

Signature

You are making a decision about allowing your child to participate in this study. Your signature below indicates that you have read the information provided above and have decided to allow them to participate in the study. If you later decide that you wish to withdraw your permission for your child to participate in the study you may discontinue his or her participation at any time. Please email the Psychology Research Coordinator if you would like a copy of this form.

Printed Name of Child

Printed Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian

Signature of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian

Date