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**Department of Psychology
Application for Human Subjects
Review**

Investigator _____

Project Title _____

For IRB use only

_____ Psych _____

 Faculty Research Psychology course # _____

Subject Population _____

Number of Subjects _____

Starting Date ___/___/___

Completion Date ___/___/___ or ongoing

Clearly state the purpose of the study and explain the procedures to be used and observations to be made. State any expected negative impact of your research on the people involved. Attach a copy of all stimulus materials, questionnaires, protocols, and a description of any equipment used. Use additional space as needed.

Faculty Signature: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Please check all that apply and/or answer the relevant questions. You may adjust the spacing as needed.

1) Special Populations: Will participants be drawn from any special populations , such as:

- Children, (specify ages)
- The mentally disabled (mentally ill, mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, neurologically impaired) (specify category of disability):
- Special minority groups (list them)
- None

2) Selection of Subjects:

- a) Will subjects be selected from any institutions, such as: schools, hospitals, prisons, etc.? If so, list the institution(s).
- b) How will the subjects be chosen or recruited (records, classes, referral, canvassing, etc.; be specific)? If subjects are chosen from records, indicate who gave approval for the use of those records.
- c) How are subjects initially contacted? (e.g., ads, telephone, mail). If you are sending out a mailing or using advertisements, please attach a complete, formatted copy in its final draft. If you are using telephone calls, attach a complete, verbatim protocol of the telephone interview.
- d) Will subjects receive inducements before or rewards after the study? If so, explain.

3) Privacy Considerations: Will the data be (check one):

- Anonymous** (No names associated with data)
- Confidential** (Names associated with data but not revealed by researcher)

a) If neither, indicate why.

b) Will information about participation in the study be available to supervisors, teachers, employers, etc.? If yes, indicate to whom and why.

c) If data are not anonymous, explain the procedures to maintain privacy.

4) Informed Consent: How will you obtain informed consent? **Please Attach Explanation.**

In questionnaire and interview research, agreeing to answer the questions is usually taken as consent to participate in the study. However, **a full verbatim protocol of the questions to be asked must be attached to this form.** The protocol should include a description of the study that will be given to the respondents. Most other types of research will need to have subjects sign an informed consent sheet. **If needed, attach a sample informed consent sheet.**

5) Potentially Sensitive Topics: Does the research planned in this project involve: (check all that apply)

- Questions involving possible invasion of privacy of subject or family, including personal information or records.
- Questions about sexual behavior or attitudes.
- Questions about the use of, or attitudes about, drugs or alcohol.
- Questions about an individual's violations of the law.
- Requests for information that the subject might consider to be personal or sensitive.
- Presentation of materials or requests for information which might be considered to be offensive, threatening, or degrading by the respondents.

6) Potential Risks: Does the research planned in this project involve: (check all that apply)

- Possible invasion of privacy of subject or family, including personal information or records.
- The administration of physical stimuli other than the normal auditory, tactile, and visual stimuli associated with classroom situations.
- Manipulation of physiological requirements (nutrition, sleep, etc.) or of ethically sensitive psychological and social variables (sensory deprivation, isolation, stress, self esteem, etc.).
- Deception
- Requests for information that the subject might consider to be personal or sensitive.
- Presentation of materials which might be considered to be offensive, threatening, or degrading.
- Requirement of physical exertion beyond normal classroom exertion.

If you have checked any of the potential risks above, please indicate what precautions have been taken to minimize these risks.

If deception is included, attach a protocol of the "debriefing" procedure to be used.

7) Benefits of the Research:

Your study may not pose any of the "risks to subjects" or involve any "potentially sensitive topics" that are listed above. However, research always imposes a cost on participants (for instance, the time required to participate). Why does the value of doing this particular research study outweigh whatever cost there is to the people involved in the research ?