Recommended Informed Consent Language

Experimetrix: MSU College of Communication Arts and Sciences

**Instructions**

Template language has been developed to assist researchers who plan to use Experimetrix (experimetrix.com/msucom) as part of their human subject research project. It is highly recommended that researchers who are using Experimetrix follow the instructions below when creating consent forms for their studies. Below, you are provided with sample language for online surveys as well as language for a standard lab study. *Please note there are different recommendations if you plan to use SONA (see the SONA recommended informed consent language).*

1. Indicate the length of the study and the amount of credit hours earned on Experimetrix according to the following scale:

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| **Study Lasts** | **Lab Study Credit** | **Online Study Credit** |
| Under 30 minutes | .5 credit hour | .25 credit hour |
| 31-60 minutes | 1 credit hour | .5 credit hour |
| 61-90 minutes | 1.5 credit hour | .75 credit hour |
| 91-120 minutes | 2 credit hours | 1 credit hour |

1. Indicate that students should consult with their course instructor to determine how credit hours earned on Experimetrix translate into course points or credit.
2. Indicate that students will receive full credit and no penalty if they choose to withdraw from the study or refuse to answer questionnaire items after consenting to participate. To ensure earning credit for an online survey, students should complete the questions requesting identifying information – often found through a link at the end of the survey.

**Recommended Language for Online study**

Participation in this study is voluntary and will take 30 minutes or less. You will receive credit electronically on Experimetrix that will indicate to your instructor that you have completed .25 hour of research credit in your communication course. Please check with your course instructor to determine how credit hours earned on Experimetrix translate into course points or credit. After consenting to participate, you may withdraw from the study at any time or refuse to answer questionnaire items without penalty for full credit as long as you provide the requested identifying information – found through a link at the end of the survey.

**Recommended Language for Laboratory study**

Participation in this study is voluntary and will take 60 minutes or less. You will receive credit electronically on Experimetrix that will indicate to your instructor that you have completed 1 hour of research credit in your communication course. Please check with your course instructor to determine how credit hours earned on Experimetrix translate into course points or credit. After consenting to participate, you may withdraw from the study at any time or refuse to answer questionnaire items without penalty for full credit.