Below is a template for informed consent.

* Where there are blank lines, information should be filled in as appropriate.
* Brackets [] indicate optional information regarding material to include based on the methodology, risks, etc.
* If participants are children (under the age of majority, 18 years in most states), parent/guardian consent is required. This template should be modified to reflect that. And, information should be included that describes how you well request assent from the child. If the child is old enough to read and comprehend a consent form, include the modified form to be presented to the child. Note, a parent/guardian must give consent for the child to participate before you request assent/consent from the child. And the child has the right to refuse to participate.
* If you are conducting a study online, remind the participant to find a place of privacy.

**Informed Consent for Research Participation**

**Department of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Muskingum University**

Study Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Principal Investigator(s):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Research Advisor:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

You are being asked to freely and voluntarily consent to be a participant in a research project entitled\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to be conducted \_\_\_\_\_\_[at Muskingum University] [online] in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ semester of 202\_\_. The principal investigator(s) is/are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_@muskingum.edu. I/we am/are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [*provide brief description of yourself, e.g.,* *a Psychology major conducting my senior seminar project*]. The Faculty Research Advisor is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_@muskingum.edu.

The purpose of this study is to explore \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Participants will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Participation will require about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ minutes. [If you agree to participate, please complete this online study in a private location.]

You must be 18 years of age or older to participate in this research. [*Add in additional qualifying characteristics here is need be, e.g.,* *You must also be a Varsity athlete to participate in this research.*]

Your responses will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [anonymous and identifying information will not be collected] [kept strictly confidential and your individual responses will not be revealed to anyone without your permission.]

You may withdraw your consent and discontinue participation in this research at any time without prejudice. If you withdraw prior to completing the study, your data will be destroyed.

You may skip any questions or portions of the research that make you uncomfortable.

Any risk involved in participation in this research will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [no more than anticipated beyond everyday activities] [possibly more than beyond everyday activities because you will be asked to do/about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_] [beyond everyday activities because you will be asked to do/about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]. [I/We do recognize that due to the nature of the internet, there is a chance someone could access your information. *State how you will minimize risks, e.g., However, I/we will not be collecting identifying information; Data will be stripped of identifying information such as IP addresses.*]

If you experience any emotional distress as a result of participating in this research, you may contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [the Muskingum University Counseling Services at (740) 826-8091 or *appropriate off campus agency with phone number*].

You have the right to ask questions concerning the procedure prior to participation. Please \_\_\_\_\_\_ [email the researcher before proceeding] [ask the researcher your questions].

You may \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [keep a copy of this Informed Consent to consult at any time] [screen shot this page of the Informed Consent to consult at any time].

If you have additional questions at any time, contact the Faculty Research Advisor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This research has been approved by the Muskingum University ACHS committee (achs@muskingum.edu).

If you are not 18 years of age or older or do not wish to participate, please \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [exit this window] [feel free to leave].

To agree to participate in this research, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [click the button below] [sign and date this document].

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Participant

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Date