



Consent for Participation in a Human Research Study

Title of research study: *Prescreening 2 (IRB # 2017-164)*

Investigator: *Dr. Diego Fernandez-Duque*

Key Information: This section is intended to provide key information to assist in your decision whether to participate in this research study. More detailed information about the topics covered in this section is included below.

The prescreening is a voluntary survey that consists of a number of multiple-choice and/or typed answer questions, and it will take less than 45 minutes to complete. There are a variety of questions (demographics, personality, opinions, etc), and you are free to skip any question that you'd rather not answer. The risks are, at most, minimal and do not differ qualitatively from those you might experience in everyday life or in routine psychological tests. For your participation, you will receive .75 hour credit toward your PSY1000 research requirement. You must be 18 years of age or older to participate.

What is this research study about? This study involves research. It is an online prescreening survey and its primary purpose is to match students to research studies throughout the semester using the Sona System. For example, if you report being left handed, you might be contacted via email and invited to participate in studies at the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences that require left-handed participants.

What kind of information will be presented in this study? There will be a number of multiple-choice and/or typed answer questions, ranging from demographics (your age and sex), to personality (do you consider yourself talkative?), intended behavior (do you intend to exercise regularly this semester?), and social relations (are you currently in a romantic relationship?), to name a few.

Why am I being invited to take part in a research study?

We invite you to take part in a research study because you are a student enrolled in PSY 1000 General Psychology.



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What should I know about a research study?

- Whether or not you take part is up to you.
- You can choose not to take part.
- You can agree to take part and later change your mind.
- Your decision will not be held against you.
- You can ask all the questions you want before you decide.
- You can be assured that we are committed to best practices for safety and the well-being of all participants.

Who can I talk to?

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or think the research has hurt you, talk to the research team at diego.fernandezduque@villanova.edu

This research has been reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board (“IRB”). You may talk to the IRB office at (610) 519-4220 or irb@villanova.edu if:

- Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone besides the research team.
- You have questions about your rights as a research subject.
- You want to get information or provide input about this research.
- You feel you have been injured or harmed while participating in this research.

Why is this research being done?

The goal is to match students to research studies throughout the semester. For example, if you report being a single child, you might be contacted via email and invited to participate in studies at the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences that require single child participants. This helps both researchers find participants that fit their recruitment criteria, and participants to find studies that they are eligible for.

How long will the research last?

We expect that you will be in this research study until the end of the semester. Completing the online survey takes approximately 45 minutes. The data you provide might be used throughout the semester to select participants who may fit criterion for other research studies in the department. For example, if you tell us that you are left handed, we might invite you to participate in a study that studies left handed people in a certain psychological measure.

How many people will be studied?

We expect about 300 people here will be in this research study in this semester, out of approximately 350 students enrolled in psy1000.



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What happens if I say yes, I want to be in this research?

Prescreening must be completed online within a single session. If you would like to participate in prescreening but do not have time right now, close the browser window without selecting an option. The last day to complete prescreening is the third Monday of the semester. Based on your answers, you might be contacted to be invited to participate in other studies to be conducted by researchers at Villanova's Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. There is no monetary payment for participating in this study. For your participation you will receive 0.75 hour credit toward your PSY1000 research requirement.

What happens if I do not want to be in this research?

Participation in research is completely voluntary. You can decide to participate or not to participate. Instead of being in this research study, your choices may include: enrolling in other studies in SONA or by switching to writing research reports (i.e., Option 2 of the information handout for the General Psychology Research Requirement).

What happens if I say yes, but I change my mind later?

You can leave the research at any time it will not be held against you. You are free to answer or not answer any question because you can select the "decline to answer" option on any item. You also may click the "decline participation" button, skip questions entirely, or decide at any point to withdraw consent and discontinue participation in the study, all without penalty. Declining participation, skipping questions entirely, or choosing to quit the study will not affect your grades or academic standing. However, you must complete the full study by advancing through all the study questions (the ability to skip individual questions will be provided by selecting a button) to gain credit toward the research requirement in PSY 1000.

Is there any way being in this study could be bad for me?

The risks to you in this research study are, at most, minimal and do not differ qualitatively from those you might experience in everyday life or in routine psychological tests. The risks include the possibility that you will experience boredom or discomfort in response to the questions on the survey. While unexpected, the potential for a data breach always exists when using the internet. Your confidentiality is of utmost importance to the researchers, and it will be kept to the full degree permitted by the technology used. We cannot guarantee against interception by third parties of data that is sent via the internet. If you feel uncomfortable answering any question, please know that you are free to skip any questions you do not wish to answer. It is also possible that there are risks to you we cannot foresee.

Will being in this study help me in any way?

We cannot promise any benefits to you or others from your taking part in this research. However, possible benefits include that it will allow you access to additional available studies in SONA. Other possible benefits from being in the study may include the study being interesting or informative to you. You also will learn about one kind of research methodology used in psychological studies. Researchers would benefit by finding participants who match the criteria of their studies.



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What happens to the information collected for the research?

Efforts will be made to limit the use and disclosure of your personal information, including research study records, to people who have a need to review this information. We cannot promise complete secrecy. Organizations that may inspect and copy your information include the IRB and other representatives of this organization. Your answers will be kept in a secure location accessible only to the Principal Investigator (PI). If your answers are used in other IRB-approved Psychology Department studies, the PI's for those studies will also keep your data in a secure location. Your name will be replaced with arbitrary numerical identification codes in the prescreening assessment data file, and in any other data file provided for a separate IRB-approved study.

What else do I need to know?

If you agree to take part in this research study, you will receive 0.75 hour credit toward your PSY1000 research requirement. There is no monetary payment for participating in this study. Identifiers may be removed from the identifiable private information you provide, and after any such removal the information could be used for future research studies or distributed to another investigator for future research studies without additional informed consent from you.

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