Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child, ______________________, is invited to take part in a study named Choice Study- EEG. The study is designed to learn more about how we choose among options when making a decision. This study is being conducted by Dr. David Amodio, who is a faculty member in the NYU Department of Psychology.

If you give permission for participation in this study, your child will be asked to (a) learn about specific features of different options before making choices and (b) fill out a questionnaire assessing demographic information, current feelings, and self-concept. During this study, we will record your child’s brain activity using EEG. Your child will have to wear a cap on which sensors are placed. To measure brain activity, we will have to introduce gel into the sensors. The gel will most likely get into your child’s hair. This is harmless and your child will be given the opportunity to wash the hair (the gel will easily wash out). Please note that EEG results are not suitable for diagnostic use, but are for research purposes only. Participation will take about 2 hours, and your child will earn 2 laboratory participation credits towards the course research requirement. Your child can fulfill the course requirement in other ways besides participating in this or other studies.

There are no known risks associated with participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, your child may become more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator understand how people make decisions.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not affect grades or academic standing in any way. If your child withdraws at any time, no credit but also no penalty will be given. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions they prefer not to answer. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be provided.

Confidentiality of your research records will be strictly maintained by assigning unique, confidential identification number codes to your responses. Your child’s name and identity will never be directly linked to his or her responses. The de-identified data from the study will be kept at least until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association. De-identified data may also be posted online when research results are published.

If there is anything about the study or your participation that is unclear or that you do not understand, if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator, David Amodio, at (212) 998-3875, dma7@nyu.edu, 6 Washington Place, New York, NY 10003. For questions about your child’s rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS/IRB), New York University, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

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Parent’s Signature          Date