Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child, ______________________, is invited to take part in a study named Learning and Decision-Making. The study is designed to investigate how we learn and make decisions about objects in our environment. The research is being conducted by Professor David Amodio, a faculty member at NYU, and Jeff Berg, who is a graduate student.

If you give permission for participation in this study, your child will be asked to complete computer tasks involving learning and making decisions about some objects, and then answering some questions about themselves. Participation will take about 30 minutes, and will earn 0.5 hours of credit for laboratory participation 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 better understand how we make decisions.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not affect your child’s grades or academic standing in any way. If your child withdraws from the study, your child will receive credit for the time completed. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions he/she prefers not to answer. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be provided.

Confidentiality of your child’s research records will be strictly maintained by assigning unique, confidential identification numbers codes to your responses. The de-identified data from the study will be kept at least 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 taking part in it 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 Principle Investigator, Dr. David Amodio at 212-998-3875, david.amodio@nyu.edu, 6 Washington Place, New York, NY 10003, or Jeff Berg at jjb627@nyu.edu, 6 Washington Place, New York, NY 10003. For questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), NYU, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

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Parent’s Signature       Date