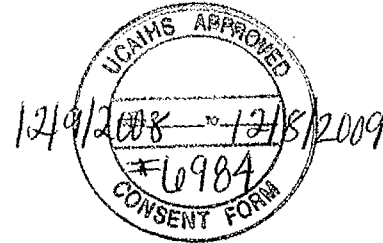


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Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child, _____, is invited to take part in a study entitled *Academic Decisions*. The study is designed to learn more about the factors that influence students' academic choices. The study is being conducted by Elise Hickel, who is the principal investigator, as part of her undergraduate honors thesis. The faculty sponsor of this work is Professor Madeline Heilman from the Department of Psychology.

If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he/she will be asked to: review academic-related information about people, listen to short audio messages about academic choices, make judgements about personality traits and recommend course placements. Your child's participation will take about 30 minutes and he or she will receive 0.5-hour credit for laboratory participation towards the course research requirement. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be given to him/her.

There are no known risks associated with your child's participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make him or her more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand the factors that influence students' academic decision-making.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not affect your child's grade or academic standing in any way. If your child withdraws at any time, he or she will still receive the 0.5-hour credit offered for taking part. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions he or she prefers not to answer.

Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained by assigning code numbers to each participant so that data are never directly linked to individual identity, and by keeping all completed forms in a locked cabinet only accessible to the investigator. The data from the study will be kept until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association, and then destroyed by shredding.

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 faculty sponsor, Prof. Madeline Heilman at 212-998-7813, madeline.heilman@nyu.edu, 6 Washington Place, Room 576. 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.

You have received a copy of this permission document to keep.

Permission

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Name (please print): _____