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Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child, _____, is invited to take part in a study named Category Estimation (1-day). The study is designed to learn more about how people learn and use categories. It is being conducted by Harlan D. Harris, who is the principal investigator, as part of his post-doctoral research studies. The faculty sponsor of this work is Professor Gregory Murphy, Psychology.

If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he/she will be asked to learn to categorize simple visual stimuli presented on a computer screen, and then to recreate those stimuli from memory. Your child's participation will take about one hour, and he or she will receive one 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 how categories affect representations.

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 one 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. No personal or private information will be collected about him/her. Your child's name will not be associated with the data at any time.

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 principal investigator, Harlan Harris, at 212-998-3739, harlan.harris@nyu.edu, 856 Meyer, or the faculty sponsor, Prof. Gregory Murphy, at 221-998-7791, gregory.murphy@nyu.edu, 855 Meyer. For questions about your child's 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.

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Permission

Parent's Signature

Date