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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 **Focus of Attention**. The study is designed to learn more about the relation between group membership and the performance in attentional focusing. It is being conducted by **Dr. Sarah E. Martiny** who is the principal investigator, as part of her research scholarship. The faculty sponsor of this work is **Prof. Kay Deaux, Dept. of Psychology**.

If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he/she will be asked to: work on a computerized test assigning him/her to one of two groups based on her/his information processing style. Then, your child will receive information about her/his group and his/her group membership. Afterwards your child will be asked to work on two cognitive tasks. At the end of the experiment your child will fill in a questionnaire. Your child's participation will take about 30 minutes, and he or she will receive 0.5 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 intergroup relations.

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, no credit but also no penalty will be given. 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 numbers to the collected data and questionnaires. These numbers contain no identifying information and they will not be on any material that contains identifying information. The data from the study will be kept at least until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association. When it is destroyed, this will be done by shredding and permanently deleting any files on the computer.

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, Dr. Sarah E. Martiny, at 212-998-1825, sem342@nyu.edu, Faculty of Art and Science, 6 Washington Place, Rm. 769, or the faculty sponsor, Prof. Kay Deaux, at 212-992-9627, kdeaux@gc.cuny.edu, Faculty of Art and Science, 6 Washington Place, Rm. 752. 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, New York, NY 10012.

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Permission

Parent's Signature

Date

