

Informed Consent

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The research in which you are about to participate is sponsored by the UTC Psychology Department.

Research conducted by the UTC Psychology Department has been recognized around the world. It is helping make UTC a university known internationally as a place where cutting edge research is being conducted. Ultimately, projects like this may help you by increasing the name recognition of the university from which you will graduate. You may benefit from the fact that a prospective employer knows of the reputation of the university.

Your involvement in this research project is voluntary, and you may choose to end your participation in this study at any time without penalty. You must be 18 years of age or older to participate in this study.

You will be one of up to 600 participants in this study.

We anticipate that your participation in this experiment should last no more than 120 minutes.

In this research, you will be given a cognitive ability test and seven computerized personality questionnaires. In addition, you will be asked for permission to look up your GPA and ACT scores. You will also be asked to provide your age, sex, ethnic group, and current GPA.

All the information that you provide will be kept confidential. You have been assigned an arbitrarily chosen Participant Number. It is in the upper right corner of this page and the next page. **(This will be your ID number for ALL computerized surveys.)** A single computer file with your name and the Participant Number will be created and kept on a UTC office computer. A separate file containing only data and the Participant Number will be kept in a separate file. This will insure that your name is not associated with the questionnaires, demographic information, and GPA or ACT scores.

The answers that you provide in this study will be used only in a summary fashion. At no time will your individual responses to the questionnaires or your GPA or ACT scores be published or made available to anyone. We are interested only in statistical summaries of the data. No one will disclose any personal information regarding you or any other participants in this study.

This test is being conducted by Dr. Michael Biderman, a faculty member in the Psychology Department at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. This project has the approval and authorization of both the UTC Psychology Department and the UTC Institutional Review Board (IRB). If you have any questions about the study, please contact Michael Biderman at 425-4268. If you have any questions concerning your rights as a participant, please contact Dr. xx xxx, IRB Chair at 425-xxxx.

Participant Agreement: I have read the information above.

I willingly volunteer to participate in this study under the conditions outlined above.

Participant Printed Name

Participant Signature

Participant UTC ID _____

Date _____

Course(s) for which you are participating for extra credit _____