The following is intended as a sample. It should be modified to fit the specific study, both in content as well as format.

Research Informed Consent

Investigator

Purpose:
I am conducting a research study to examine *describe the general purpose and goals of the study such that you are not revealing your actual hypothesis or information that will bias participant responses.*

Procedures:
Participation in this study will involve *general description of tasks (completing a survey, interview, etc.)* We anticipate that your involvement will require *x minutes/hours.* You will receive extra credit for as compensation for your participation. This extra credit may be used in courses for which professors have agreed to offer extra credit for your participation. (*If another form of compensation will be used substitute that information for extra credit information.)*

Risks and Benefits:
Participants in this study may experience *description of risks (distress over the nature of the questions, etc.)* Although this study may not benefit you personally, we hope that our results will add to the knowledge about *describe public good without revealing your exact hypothesis. If there is a benefit to participants, so state.*

Confidentiality:
Your responses will be associated with code created by you. This code will allow the researcher to keep track of your responses without requiring that you submit identifying information in association with your responses. Any document that links your name with your code will be stored in a secure location. Only the researchers involved in this study and those responsible for research oversight will have access to the information you provide.

Voluntary Participation:
Participation in this study is completely voluntary. You are free to decline to participate, to end participation at any time for any reason, or to refuse to answer any individual question without penalty or loss of compensation,

Knowledge of Study Results: After completion of the study, you will be given an opportunity to fully learn the study's purpose and to understand the part you played in obtaining the study's results. (*Insert your particular debriefing procedure here. Will it be immediately after an individual's data is collected or after the entire study is done? Will it be done orally or in written form? Will there be opportunities to ask questions during debriefing?*)

Questions:
If you have any questions about this study, you may contact the investigator, *investigator name and contact information* or the investigator's project supervisor, *project supervisors name and contact information.*

If you would like to talk with someone other than the researchers to discuss problems or concerns, to discuss situations in the event that a member of the research team is not available, or to discuss your rights as a research participant, you may contact a current member of the Virginia Wesleyan Institutional Review board by e-mail at ***shinze@vwc.edu*** ***or*** ***gmartorell@vwc.edu***

Agreement to Participate:
I have read the above information, have had the opportunity to have any questions about this study answered and agree to participate in this study.

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(printed name) (date)

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(signature)