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DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY



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**FAX THIS FORM TO: (617) 496-8279**

Dear Parent:

As part of the educational experience here at Harvard, we invite all enrolled students to participate in Psychology studies during the course of the semester. If your son or daughter is under 18 years of age at the time you receive this letter, your permission is required before they can be invited to participate in these studies.

Students can see a list of ongoing studies in the Psychology Department by viewing our Study Pool website at <http://studypool.wjh.harvard.edu>. By visiting this website, students can learn the details of the study and sign up for available times. Students can earn cash or course credit (if they are enrolled in a Psychology course) for their participation. Participation is completely voluntary, and refusal to participate involves no penalty or loss of benefits to which the student is otherwise entitled. Furthermore, if a student agrees to participate, he or she may discontinue participation at any time without penalty. All studies on this website have been pre-approved by Harvard University's Committee on the Use of Human Subjects and are monitored carefully. In addition, Harvard University requires that the student's responses in all of these studies remain confidential. Participation in these does not influence any decision regarding future admissions to Harvard University.

With your approval, your son or daughter will be invited to participate in the following kinds of studies:

- Surveys and interviews.
- Studies that use direct sensors (e.g., a blood pressure device) or remote sensors (e.g., a video-camera) to measure physiological and psychological reactions.
- Studies that use questionnaires or other verbal or behavioral measures.
- Studies in which information about the hypothesis and the experimental situation is revealed to the student after participation is completed. In this way, we seek to enhance students' learning experience by providing detailed information about Psychology as a social science.

Your son or daughter **will NOT** be invited to participate in the following kinds of studies:

- Procedures that entail a risk of physical harm.
- Procedures that involve hypnosis or unusual degrees of mental stress.
- Procedures that involve explicit or implicit deception about any aspect of the research that is likely to be significant to the student.
- Procedures that elicit information about activities that may be illegal or that are likely to offend prevailing standards of morality.

Please sign below to indicate your permission for your son or daughter to participate in Psychology Department studies.

\_\_\_\_\_ MAY participate as described above. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Son or Daughter)

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Parent or Legal Guardian (Print Name)

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Parent or Legal Guardian (Signature)

Any problems or complaints about research participation should be directed to:

**Committee on the Use of Human Subjects**  
(Ph: 617-495-5459)  
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