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Informed Consent

Ethnography of the University: Student Research, Fall 2003

Description and Purpose of the Research

_____ is conducting research to fulfill requirements for a college
STUDENT RESEARCHER'S NAME
course titled _____
COURSE RUBRIC, NUMBER, SECTION, TITLE

This research consists mainly of ethnographic fieldwork, which involves observations and interviews, as well as interpretation and analysis of information gleaned from these activities. The general purpose of ethnographic research is to learn how members of a community (for example, students in a club or employees in a dining hall) make sense of their own community and its relationships with other people, communities, and institutions. Ethnography is a kind of research commonly done by scholars in social science fields like Anthropology.

Voluntary Nature of Participation

Participation in this research is completely voluntary. If you are a UIUC student, you may participate, decline, or withdraw from participation without any effect on your grades at, status at, or future relations with this institution or the University of Illinois. You may withdraw from this study at any time. To withdraw, contact the student researcher.

Confidentiality

If you opt for confidentiality (see below), every effort will be made not to reveal personally identifiable information in publications based on this research. To accomplish this, no records will be created or retained that could link you to personally identifiable descriptions, paraphrases, or quotations. Your actions or things you say may be presented without specific reference to you, reference only by pseudonym, or combined anonymously with the actions and words of other participants.

Risks and Benefits

Your participation in this project should not involve risks beyond those of ordinary life. You will not be paid for your participation in this research project, nor is it expected that your participation will bring you any benefits, tangible or otherwise. It is hoped that the student researcher named above will benefit from this project by learning how to do college-level ethnographic research.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, concerns, or complaints about this research project, please contact the Responsible Project Investigator (RPI) or Project Investigators (PI):

Peter Mortensen, English, 217-333-1006 or pmortens@uiuc.edu (RPI)

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If you have any questions about the rights of human subjects in UIUC-approved research, contact the Executive Secretary of the UIUC Institutional Review Board (417 Swanlund Administration Building, 217-333-2670). You may call collect if you identify yourself as a research subject.

Consent Statement

I have read and understand the forgoing description of this research project, including information about the risks and benefits of my voluntary participation.

I do ____ / do not ____ wish my identity to be kept confidential. (Please initial one.)

Signature

Date

Print Name

There are two copies of this form. Please sign both. Return one to the researcher and keep one for your records.