***Sample Consent Form (Moderate) for Research which is no more than minimal risk and includes, for example, risk to confidentiality, a relatively benign intervention, etc.***

Instructions:

1. The red text relates to red text sections in the [consent form template](https://research.calpoly.edu/HS-forms-and-links/#icformtemplate).
2. If you use this sample form for a template, please make sure all text is changed to black, and delete this box.

INFORMED CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH PROJECT:

*“Perceptions of Course Syllabi”*

INTRODUCTION

This form asks for your agreement to participate in a research project on the effect different motivations may have on perceptions. Your participation involves attending a research session at Cal Poly in which you will be asked to view some images and complete a couple of short questionnaires. It is expected that your participation will take approximately one hour. There are no risks anticipated with your participation. You may personally benefit from this study and others may benefit from your participation. If you are interested in participating, please review the following information:

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY AND PROPOSED BENEFITS

* The purpose of the study is to conduct a student’s senior project on the extent to which a person’s perceptions may vary when exposed to different motivations, such as visual stimuli.
* Potential benefits associated with the study include increased understanding of the effect of motivations on perception.

YOUR PARTICIPATION

* If you agree to participate, you will be asked to attend a session in a research space at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. At this session, you will need to pay attention while viewing some images, followed by reading a class syllabus. You will also have to answer some questions about your mood and demographics. The images presented will be similar to images typically encountered on television or in daily life.
* Your participation will take approximately one hour in one session.
* If you decide to participate, as an incentive, you can earn extra credit in your psychology course equal to 1% of your grade. If you choose not to participate, an alternative opportunity to earn an equal amount of extra credit will be offered to you. Your decision to participate or not will have no affect your status at Cal Poly.

PROTECTIONS AND POTENTIAL RISKS

* Please be aware that you are not required to participate in this research, refusal to participate will not involve any penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled, and you may discontinue your participation at any time. You may omit responses to any questions you choose not to answer. If you withdraw from the study before completing the tasks, you will not be able to earn the extra credit incentive.
* There is a slight risk of emotional distress, but it is not anticipated to be more than that experienced in daily life.
* Your confidentiality will be protected as your name and other identifying information will not be used in reports of this research. All data associated with your participation will be stripped of identifiers and coded alpha-numerically. This informed consent form, with your signature and name, will be stored in a locked filing cabinet in the faculty advisor’s office.
* Identifying data will be removed from the identifiable private information and that, after such removal, the information could be used for future research studies or distributed to another researcher for future studies without additional informed consent.

RESOURCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

* If you should experience any emotional distress, please be aware that you may contact or visit Cal Poly Health & Wellbeing at 805-756-2511, Room 27-136, for assistance.
* This research is being conducted by Joe Senior, a student in the Department of Psychology and Child Development at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, under the supervision of Dr. Jane Scientist. If you have questions regarding this study or would like to be informed of the results when the study is completed, please contact the researcher at jsenior@email.com or 805-111-0000, or the researcher’s faculty advisor, Dr. Scientist at jscientist@email.com or 805-000-1111.
* If you have concerns regarding the manner in which the study is conducted, you may contact Dr. Michael Black, Chair of the Cal Poly Institutional Review Board, at (805) 756-2894, mblack@calpoly.edu, or Ms. Trish Brock, Director of Research Compliance, at (805) 756-1450, pbrock@calpoly.edu.

AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE

If you are 18 or older and agree to voluntarily participate in this research project as described, please indicate your agreement by signing below. Please keep a copy of this form for your reference, and thank you for your participation in this research.

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Signature of Volunteer Date

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Signature of Researcher Date