

Study of Syllabi Impressions

You are being invited to volunteer to participate in a research study. This summary explains information about this research.

Why is this research study being done?

This survey is being conducted by psychology researchers at the Pennsylvania State University (PSU). The purpose of the project is to understand student perceptions of syllabi.

What will happen in this research study?

You will be asked questions regarding your opinions and experiences with syllabi in general and upon examination of a few samples. You have the option to skip any questions that you would prefer not to answer or that do not apply to you. We will be using the data in aggregate form to examine the topics of interest.

What are the risks and possible discomforts from being in this research study?

The risks associated with participation in this study are minimal. A small risk to you is that some of the questions may make you feel uncomfortable. If this occurs, you may skip the question and continue with the survey. Although the survey data are anonymous, there is always a possible risk of loss of confidentiality. The confidentiality of electronic data created by you or by the researchers will be maintained to the degree permitted by the technology used. Precautions will be taken to prevent this from happening but absolute confidentiality cannot be guaranteed.

What are the possible benefits from being in this research study?

The results of this study will be used for scholarly purposes. Your participation furthers those efforts to understand social opinions and behaviors.

How long will you take part in this research study?

Being in this research study does not require any additional time on your part after completion of the survey. We estimate that the survey will require approximately 30 minutes to complete.

How will your privacy and confidentiality be protected if you decide to take part in this research study?

Qualtrics, a recognized data collection entity, is collecting and storing the data. We will not collect identifiable information as part of the survey questions. Your de-identified data will be stored on Penn State's Qualtrics account.

What are your rights if you take part in this research study?

Taking part in this research is voluntary. You do not have to participate in this research. If you choose to be in this research, you have the right to stop at any

time. If you decide not to be in this research, there will be no penalty and you will not be contacted by anyone involved in the project.

If you have questions or concerns about this research whom should you call?

Please contact the head of the research study (principal investigator), XXXXX, if you have questions, complaints or concerns about the survey.

You may also contact the Penn State Office for Research Protections at (814-865-1775, ORProtections@psu.edu) if you:

- Have questions regarding your rights as a person in a research study.
- Have concerns or general questions about the research.
- You may also call this number if you cannot reach the research team or wish to offer input or to talk to someone else about any concerns related to the research.

ELECTRONIC CONSENT: Please select your choice below.

Clicking on the “agree” button below indicates that:

- You have read the above information
- You voluntarily agree to participate
- You are at least 18 years of age
- You speak/read English

If you do not wish to participate in the research study, please decline participation by clicking on the “disagree” button.