

Sample Informed Consent form Anonymous Survey

Understanding College Students' Development and Their Academic Choices.

This research is being conducted by Joe Schmoe, an undergraduate student at Troy University and Dr. Susy Schmoozy, Associate Professor of Psychology at Troy University.

Purpose of Study: The purpose of this research is to explore issues of attachment styles and resulting academic choices. We are studying how students' perceptions helped form their decision-making process.

Who Can Participate: If you are aged 19 or older and are currently enrolled as a student at Troy University, Troy Campus, you are eligible to participate. Undergraduate and graduate students are welcome to participate.

Procedure: In order to participate you need to complete this online survey. Your participation in this online survey is completely anonymous. No information you share electronically can be traced to you or the computer you used. Your participation in the survey indicates you read this consent information and agreed to participate in this anonymous survey. Depending upon the depth of your responses, participation time varies from 20 minutes to 45 minutes.

Risks of Being in the Study: Some individuals may experience temporary discomfort if they are not pleased with previous academic choices, or if they are not content with the status of their relationship with their parents. Resources for support are listed on the last page of the survey.

Potential benefits: Research participants will be contributing to the young adult development knowledge base and may feel good about helping research efforts. Second, students who are pleased with the relationship they have with their parents or with their academic choices may experience some pride upon evaluation of their success. In addition, some faculty may offer extra credit points for students who participate in research. If you need proof of participation, print the thank you page (located at the end of the survey) to provide documentation.

Anonymity: Your participation in this research is completely anonymous. No information you share can be traced electronically to you, the computer you used, nor can you be traced by any information you provide. Data will be kept stored in the on-line survey site's databank. Only Joe Schmoe and Dr. Susy Schmoozy will have access to the data.

Voluntary Nature of the Study: Your participation is voluntary, and you may refuse to participate or withdraw at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to

which you are otherwise entitled. You may also refuse to answer certain questions. A decision to participate or to withdraw, will not affect your standing in your class or at the university.

Contacts and Questions: If you have questions about this study you may contact either: Susy Schmoozy, Ph.D., at: 334-670-0000 or you may email her at sschmoozy@troy.edu. If you have any questions concerning rights as a research participant, contact the Institutional Review Board by sending an email to irb@troy.edu or calling 334-808-6294.

Counseling Support: This survey does not intend to offer advice about parent/young adult relationships or about academic skills or behaviors. Troy University offers free counseling support services for enrolled students. If needed, we suggest that you do make an appointment (334-670-3770).

Click the "Next" button (below) to get started with the survey. By clicking the "Next" button you have given your consent to participate. If you'd like to leave the survey at any time, just click "Exit this Survey" button. The "Exit this Survey" button is located in the upper right corner.