

CONSENT DOCUMENT FOR ENROLLING ADULT PARTICIPANTS IN A RESEARCH STUDY

Georgia Institute of Technology
Project Title: Learning Outcomes of English as a Second Language MOOC

Investigators:

Principle Investigator:
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Protocol and Consent Title: Main 04/09/16 v3

You are being asked to be a volunteer in a research study.

Purpose:

- The aim of this study is two fold. The first purpose is to explore students' experiences with and attitudes and perceptions towards MOOC learning. The second purpose is to evaluate the effectiveness and quality of the User Design Experience MOOC.

Exclusion/Inclusion Criteria:

- Participants in this study must be 18 years and older.

Procedures:

- If you decide to participate in this study, you will be asked to fill out a pre-course survey at the beginning of the course and a post-course survey at the end of the course which will conclude our data collection. All surveys will be provided as links within the course. The surveys will take 10-15 minutes to complete. The data collected will only be used for research purposes.

Risks or Discomforts:

- There are no identifiable risks involved in your participation in this research study. The risks involved are no greater than those involved in daily activities such as completing a survey or taking part in a discussion forum.

Benefits:

- There are no direct benefits to you for participation in this study. No promise or guarantee of benefits has been made to encourage you to participate. We hope that the information that



you have provided will help us redesign the course and will also provide insight into new learning strategies.

Compensation to You:

- Your participation is voluntary. There will be no compensation for your participation.

Confidentiality:

- The following procedures will be followed to keep your personal information confidential in this study: The data collected about you will be kept private to the extent allowed by law. To protect your privacy, your records will be kept under a code number rather than by name. Your records will be kept in locked files and only study staff will be allowed to look at them. Your name and any other fact that might point to you will not appear when results of this study are presented or published. Your privacy will be protected to the extent allowed by law
- You should be aware that the experiment is not being run from a 'secure' https server of the kind typically used to handle credit card transactions, so there is a small possibility that responses could be viewed by unauthorized third parties such as computer hackers. In general, the web page software will log as header lines the IP address of the machine you use to access this page, e.g.,102.403.506.807, but otherwise no other information will be stored unless you explicitly enter it.
- To make sure that this research is being carried out in the proper way, the Georgia Institute of Technology IRB may review study records. The Office of Human Research Protections may also look at study records.

Costs to You:

- There are no costs to you, other than your time, for being in this study.

In Case of Injury/Harm:

- If you are injured as a result of being in this study, please contact Principal Investigator, Dr. Amanda G. Madden, at telephone (404) 385-1473. Neither the Principal Investigator nor Georgia Institute of Technology has made provision for payment of costs associated with any injury resulting from participation in this study.



Participant Rights:

- Your participation in this study is voluntary. You do not have to be in this study if you don't want to be.
- You have the right to change your mind and leave the study at any time without giving any reason and without penalty.
- Any new information that may make you change your mind about being in this study will be given to you.
- You may print out a copy of this consent form to keep.
- You do not waive any of your legal rights by participating in this research study.

Questions about the Study:

- If you have any questions about the study, you may contact Dr. Amanda Madden, at telephone (404) 385-1473 or amadden@cc.gatech.edu

Questions about Your Rights as a Research Participant:

If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact

Ms. Kelly Winn, Georgia Institute of Technology
Office of Research Integrity Assurance, at (404) 385-2175.

If you complete the surveys or participate in the forums, it means that you have read—or have read to you—the information contained in this letter you indicate your consent to be in the study.

