

# Department of Communication Studies – Research Ethics

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Abbreviated Summary Protocol Form for Academic Department Review

For Minimal Risk Student Course Related Research Intended Solely for Pedagogical Purposes

**This form is recommended for student research projects conducted as part of course requirements.**

This form should only be used for research involving minimal or less risk to the participants. It may be completed either:

- By the instructors who will describe the research carried out by their students.
- By the students themselves. In this case, the form may be reviewed by the instructor and then transmitted to the appropriate Departmental representative responsible for the review of minimal risk course related research intended for pedagogical purposes.

**A consent form is required with each application and must be attached.**

View a sample of the form here: [HREC\\_Consent\\_Form](#)

Date \*

Researcher Name \*

Department / Program \*

Telephone Number

Email Address \*

Title of Research Project or Activity \*

Name and Number of Course \*

Type of Research \*

Survey Forms  
Interviews  
Lab Experiments  
Anthropological Observations

Other (explain below)

Type of Research (if other)

Characteristics: How many participants are involved in this study?

Are they primarily \*

College / University Students

Other Adults

Other (specify below)

Have you developed a means to gain participants' informed consent? \*

Yes

No

Will researchers be using a written form or an oral protocol? \*

Written

Oral

Will you inform participants of their right to discontinue? \*

Yes

No

Will your research offer participants anonymity (you will not be able to identify them) ? \*

Yes

No

Will your research offer participants confidentiality (you will know who they are but their identities will not be evident in the research reports) ? \*

Yes

No

Will the identities of participants be evident in your research reports? \*

Yes

No

If yes, have you informed them of this fact? \*

Yes

No

Are you in any way deceiving participants about the nature of your research? \*

Yes

No

If yes, please describe below the nature of the deception and how you will de-brief participants. Please attach any relevant information

If as a result of your research, you discover that a participant(s) is at risk in some way(s) (psychological, physical, reputational) , do you know someone to contact to help advise you how to respond? \*

Yes

No

Is there a potential for participants to perceive they are being coerced into participating in this study? \*

Yes

No

If yes, do you have a written plan to prevent this perception? \*

Yes

No

Attach a copy of the Consent Form

[http://comsethics.concordia.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/HREC\\_Consent\\_Form.pdf](http://comsethics.concordia.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/HREC_Consent_Form.pdf)

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