Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit (online)
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Your child, _______________________, is invited to take part in a study named Understanding Social Behavior. The study is designed to learn more about how people understand social behavior and social issues. The research is being conducted by Dr. Maureen Craig who is a faculty member in NYU’s Department of Psychology.

If you give permission for participation in this study, your child will be asked to complete a survey, where they will be asked to view some information or write briefly and answer a series of questions about their personal opinions and beliefs about different situations and social topics, as well as provide some basic demographic information. In certain conditions, they may be asked to complete a sorting task in which they sort words and pictures based on their meanings. Participation will take about 30 minutes, and will earn 0.5 credit for laboratory participation towards the course research requirement. If your child withdraws from the study, your child will receive credit for the time completed. Your child can fulfill the course requirement in other ways besides participating in research.

There are no known risks associated with participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, your child may become more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand people’s attitudes toward social issues.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing from the study will not affect your child’s grades or academic standing in any way. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions he/she prefers not to answer. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be provided.

Confidentiality of your child’s research records will be maintained by not collecting any identifiable information. The de-identified data from the study will be kept at least until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association. De-identified data may also be posted online when research results are published. Information not containing identifiers may be used in future research or shared with other researchers without additional consent.

The researcher cannot keep information confidential if they have concerns that someone is hurting children or that your child might hurt themselves or someone else. In such cases, the researcher will inform people in authority about their concerns.
If there is anything about the study or taking part in it that is unclear or that you do not understand, or if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator, Dr. Maureen Craig, at 212-998-8386, Meyer Hall, 6 Washington Place, #277.

For questions about your child’s rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS/IRB), New York University, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

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If you permit your child to participate, please click “I Agree” at the bottom of the screen.

____ I agree to permit my child to participate
____ I do not agree to permit my child to participate

Parent’s Signature Date