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Parent's or Guardian's Informed Permission Form, for Students Earning Credit
 PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

A first-hand experience with laboratory procedures is an important part of many courses in psychology. At NYU, we take advantage of our faculty's active research programs to give students that experience. Students in most courses participate in carefully supervised studies, thus gaining otherwise unobtainable experience with original research in psychology.

We have both department and university-wide committees that approve studies for our students. These committees are very exacting in enforcing high ethical standards. Each of the research projects contains safeguards designed to protect the rights and welfare of the students who participate. All records are confidential, so the privacy of the student's data is protected.

The Study: Your child, _____, is invited to take part in a study called Encoding003. It is being conducted by Dr. Lila Davachi of the NYU Department of Psychology who is the principal investigator. She can be reached at 212-992-9612 or lila.davachi@nyu.edu.

Its Purpose: : The study is designed to learn more about how we identify, recognize and make decisions about different types of stimuli.

Its Procedures: If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he or she will be asked to do the following: View a series of pictures of objects or patterns on a computer screen, think about the pictures they have seen, and make decisions about those pictures. Participation will take approximately an hour and a half and your child will receive 1.5 credit hours for his or her participation.

Its Risks of Harm: There are no known risks associated with your participation in this research beyond those of everyday life.

Its Benefits: Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make your child more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand processing of sets of stimuli.

Your Child's Rights: Participation in this study is completely voluntary. Non-participation or withdrawal will not affect your child's grade or academic standing in any way. He or she will have the right to skip or not answer any questions he/she prefers not to answer, in any interviews, questionnaires or surveys. Further, once participating, he or she may withdraw at any time and still receive the 1.5 credit hours offered in exchange for that participation.

Confidentiality: Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained by assignment of a numerical code to all forms and data. If the results are published, the information remains anonymous and disguised so that no identification can be made. Following completion of the study, all data will be archived with the laboratory under the same coding system. This information will be kept for at least 3 years after the completion of the project. Disposal of printed identifying matter will be by shredding.

Debriefing: On completing the study your child will receive a thorough written explanation of it that you may ask to see.

If there is anything about the study or your child's participation 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. Lila Davachi, at 212-992-9612 or lila.davachi@nyu.edu. For questions about your child's rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), NYU, (212) 998-4808 or human.subjects@nyu.edu.

You have received a copy of this permission document to keep.

Permission Granted for my Child's Participation

 Parent's or Guardian's Signature

 Date