***\*\*NOTE TO RESEARCHERS: ALL ITALICIZED RED LANGUAGE, INCLUDING THIS PARAGRAPH, IS INTENDED AS A GUIDE FOR INVESTIGATOR USE IN DESIGNING A CONSENT FORM, AND SHOULD BE REMOVED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION, ONCE STUDY SPECIFIC LANGUAGE HAS BEEN INSERTED.\*\****

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**CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH**

***[Study Title]***

***[Principal Investigator Name]***

***[Faculty Advisor]***

***[Contact Information for FA]***

You are receiving this consent form because you either expressed interest in, were randomly selected to, or were requested to participate in this research project. The choice to participate in this project is voluntary and you may choose to withdraw at any time with no penalty. Please review this consent form in its entirety prior to agreeing to participate. Should you have any questions or concerns, contact the Principal Investigator at *(provide the Principal Investigator’s contact information)* or the Research Compliance Coordinator at (610)-660-1298 or irbadministrator@sju.edu.

Purpose:

The purpose of this research is to (*describe the purpose of this research in detail, approximately 1-3 paragraphs).*

Procedures:

If you choose to participate in this research project, you will be asked to *(describe, in detail, the activities and procedures associated with your research project).*

Duration:

Given the above procedures, it is estimated that participation in this research will (*describe the estimated length of time foreseen for participants).*

**Location**:

*(Indicate where/how participation will occur. (i.e. at the participant’s convenience via a computer with an Internet connection and a web browser.  Please note that completing the survey in a public location may allow others to see your responses.  We recommend that you complete the survey in a private setting such as your dorm room, but encourage you to take precautions against others seeing your responses should you complete the survey in a public location.))*

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria:

Participants for this study are being recruited from *(i.e.* *undergraduate classes at Saint Joseph’s University.*

*You should not participate in this study if you are under the age of 18*).

**Risks & Benefits**:

The potential risks and discomforts involved in this study are *(believed to be negligible, no more than minimal, state known or possible risks if greater than minimal)*. *Subject’s may experience some discomfort in answering questions about “state the topic of your research”.* The potential benefits associated with this project may include *(briefly describe any forseen benefits to the participant or society at large).*

As with any study, you should be aware that unforeseen problems may occur, however, the likelihood of any serious problem is believed to be low. Your participation is voluntary, and you may refuse to participate or stop your participation at any time for any reason without penalty. You may choose to skip a question or terminate participation at any time.

**Available Resources:**

*Please provide at least one resource for research participants (i.e., a resource that helps participants handle risks associated with research, additional information about research topic). Counseling Resources need not be included in all cases. Where NO foreseeable physical and/or mental stress, or risk, is involved, REMOVE THIS HEADING. When there is potential risk and the research population includes SJU students, please include the following resource:*

*The SJU Counseling Center can be reached at (610) 660-1090 and is located in Merion Gardens in room A504 if you feel the need to discuss the feelings brought up by this topic.*

*Identification and inclusion of alternate counseling resources, APPROPRIATE TO THE RESEARCH POPULATION AND NATURE OF THE RESEARCH, is the responsibility of the investigator. Consideration of an appropriate choice and the level of risk involved will be part of the IRB review process.*

**Use of Research Results**:

*Detail the intended use of data collected. (Example: The data obtained in this study will be used by the investigator in completing a research project for a senior thesis. Data may be used in publications, presentations and/or for teaching purposes.)*

**Confidentiality**

*Detail plans for maintaining participant confidentiality. (Example for use with a web-based student survey: Your e-mail address and the survey number will be stored in a database to ensure that you are listed as having participated in the survey (even if you choose not to participate or terminate participation at any time).   Your survey responses will be stored in another database, without any identifying information.  Since your name or student ID cannot be linked to your responses or choice to participate, your participation choice and responses are completely confidential).*

**Institutional Review Board Approval:**

This research study has been approved by the Saint Joseph’s University Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research. If you believe that there is an infringement upon your rights as a participant in this research you may contact the Research Compliance Coordinator at irbadministrator@sju.edu.

# Subject’s Agreement

I have read the information provided above and voluntarily agree to participate in this research study. I understand that I will be given a copy of this consent form.

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Name of Research Participant (Print) Signature of Investigator

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Signature of Research Participant Date

*NOTE: If interviews/focus groups will be recorded, an additional statement agreeing to audio and/or video recording, along with participant signature and date, are required.*