

Research Review and Ethics Experimental Psychology: Davis

1. What will you call the experiment?
2. Approximately how long will it take for the average participant?
3. Number of male participants: _____ Number of female participants: _____

If you are running one sex, or highly unequal numbers of each sex, please explain why.
4. Describe the research procedure. What will participants be doing? What will be done to them?
Please attach copies of all instructions and survey or test instruments that participants will complete.
5. Will the participants experience any discomfort? Fully describe any stimuli or events that the average participant might find noxious or distasteful, either physically or psychologically.
Discomfort must be minimized as much as possible.
6. Will the participants be deceived in any way? Fully describe the nature of any deception either by actively misleading or lying to the participant, or through the omission of pertinent information.
7. How will the participants be debriefed? Will they be debriefed verbally or given a written report?
Will they be debriefed immediately or not? In not, why and when?
8. Attach a sheet containing what you will show to or say to the participants during debriefing.
It should be to the participants' educational benefit, so do not write over their heads. The debriefing might include such things as the area of psychology the study would come under, a statement of the problem being investigated, the hypotheses being tested, the independent and dependent variables, the control procedures used, the general implications of the research, and a few references. It should address any participant discomfort and/or deception, if used.

Informed Consent to Participate in a Research Project

- Project Title:** *Give the title of the project.*
- Investigator(s):** *List the names of the investigators – include the faculty sponsor of the research.*
- Description of Study:** *Describe the study in sufficient detail so the prospective participant can decide if he or she wants to participate.*
- Adverse Effects and Risks:** *Describe what adverse effects the participant may encounter and how severe the effects likely are to be. If there are no adverse effects anticipated, state so.*
- Duration of Study:** *Describe how long it will take the participant to finish the study. If the study occurs at more than one time, describe how long each part of the study will take.*
- Confidentiality of Data:** *Describe the procedures that will be used to maintain the confidentiality of the data.*
- Contact Person:** *If a participant has problems or questions after the study, whom should they contact? Give the name, office, and phone number of the faculty sponsor.*
- Consent to Participate:** I have voluntarily decided to participate in this study. The investigator named above has adequately answered any and all questions I have about this study, the procedures involved, and my participation. I understand that the investigator named above will be available to answer any questions about research procedures throughout this study. I also understand that I may voluntarily terminate my participation in this study at any time and still receive full credit. I also understand that the investigator named above may terminate my participation in this study if s/he feels this to be in my best interest. In addition, I certify that I am 18 (eighteen) years of age or older.

Signature of Participant Participant's Name(printed) Date

Signature of Witness Date