

INFORMED CONSENT SCRIPT

WELCOME:

Hello, my name is Katie Linder and I am the Director of the Center for Teaching and Scholarly Excellence at Suffolk. Professor Huntemann has asked me to tell you about a study she is conducting in this class, and to request your permission to participate. The document I am distributing provides important information about the study. Please read this form carefully. You have the right to take your time to decide whether you want to be in the study. You have the right to ask all the questions you want to help you decide. Participation in this study is voluntary!

Please note, you have to be 18 years old to participate. If you are not 18, do not sign this form.

PURPOSE OF STUDY:

The goal of this research study is to assess the effectiveness of online learning modules for student learning in a large lecture format class.

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR:

Dr. Nina Huntemann, associate professor in the Department of Communication and Journalism is the principle investigator for this study. Information about how to reach her if you have questions about this study is provided on the informed consent form.

RESEARCH PROCEDURES:

As a member of this class, you will be offered the opportunity to complete a number of online learning module exercises. These exercises are voluntary and will NOT be factored into your course grade. Being in this class does not mean that you are involved in a research study. Completing the online learning modules does not mean you are involved in a research study. You have the option to choose whether the information that we collect as part of this class can be analyzed as part of a research project to better understand effective learning methods. Only if you provide consent, will information about your use of the online modules be collected.

If you decide to be in the study, you should sign this form and place it in the sealed envelope. We will track your use of the online learning modules as part of our research. We will also code your quiz grades to see if there are differences between students who use the online learning modules and students who do not use the modules.

If you decide not to be in the study, you should put a blank copy of this form in the sealed envelope. You will still be allowed to complete the online learning modules, if you chose to do so, but the information you provide will only be used by me, the instructor, to make improvements to the class. It will not be used for research purposes.