

CONSENT FORM

Student Performance and Perceptions Using Online Instruction

You are invited to participate in a research study on the educational models used in the MLS program. You were selected as a possible participant because your feedback as a student in this program will give us ideas on what works and what we need to improve upon in the coming years. We ask that you read this form and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to be in the study.

This study is being conducted by the MLS faculty and staff at the University Of Minnesota – Twin Cities and Rochester campuses. It is funded by the MLS program.

Study Purpose

The purpose of the study is to evaluate your learning success and your experiences with face-to-face, hybrid and online lecture and laboratory formats.

Study Procedures

If you agree to participate in this study, we ask your permission to use student course assignments and grades for research. Although assignments and class activities are course requirements, students are not required to permit use of this data for research use. All data will be de-identified and anonymous for the purposes of research.

1. Participate in group discussions or interviews focused on the pros and cons of the educational models (face to face, online, hybrid)
2. Complete short surveys regarding your learning experience

Risks of Study Participation

There are no risks associated with participation in this study.

Benefits of Study Participation

The benefits to study participation are:

1. Direct involvement in the improvement of MLS program delivery of lectures and laboratory curricula

Compensation

You will not be charged for any part of this study. You will not be paid for any part of this study.

Confidentiality

The records of this study will be kept private. Any publications or presentations will not include your private information (names, grades, written responses) that will make it possible to identify you as enrolled into this study. The de-identified data obtained in this study may be reviewed by other departments at the University with appropriate regulatory oversight. You will be given a study number upon enrollment that will only be available to the Principle Investigator, Stephen Wiesner. Data sent by email will only be done through the University email system. To these extents, confidentiality is not absolute.

Voluntary Nature of the Study

Participation in this study is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to participate in this study will not affect your current or future relations with the University of Minnesota. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw at any time without affecting those relationships.

Contacts and Questions

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this study and would like to talk to someone other than the researcher(s), **you are encouraged** to contact the Research Subjects' Advocate Line, D528 Mayo, 420 Delaware St. Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455; (612) 625-1650.

You will be given a copy of this form to keep for your records.

Statement of Consent

I have read the above information. I have asked questions and have received answers. I consent to participate in the study.

Print Name: _____

Signature of Subject _____ Date _____

Signature of Investigator _____ Date _____