

My name is [recruiter name]. I am a [recruiter role] in the [department] and I am not involved in the teaching or grading of BIOE 415 this semester. Professor Reck, Joseph Tibbs, and other members of Prof. Reck's research team are conducting a research project to learn how students use critical thinking to determine their certainty when answering questions about engineering subjects.

You have a unique opportunity to participate in this research project. The data necessary for this study comes from the short pre-lab minute quizzes you have already taken, as well as the information you provided at the beginning of the semester in the pre-course survey. To participate in the study, no extra work will be required and your grade will not be affected.

The answers from the quizzes will be statistically analyzed to learn whether certainty is impacted by the source of the information, how the question is presented, and your personal knowledge of the subject. Before analysis and presentation of the data, all identifying information will be removed; everyone will be assigned a unique code and your name will not be associated in any way with the data's usage. The risks of participating in the study are minimal. However, because this is research on human subjects, you will need to provide consent for us to use the data we have collected in formal research.

Your participation is entirely voluntary. You may refuse to participate or may discontinue participation at any time, by completing and dating a new form, without penalty; this form is available on the course web site and will also be emailed to you for your records. Participation will not affect your grade in a course or status at this university. In the event of publication of this research, no personally identifying information will be disclosed.

Please take two copies of the consent form. At the bottom of one form, check one of the two boxes, print your official name, sign with your signature, and enter today's date. Return the completed form to me, and keep the other for your records. If you would like to review the information I just provided or access the consent form later in the semester, both will be posted on the course websites. Hard copies will also be available in 1240 Everitt Laboratory. Completed forms not submitted today may be returned to Stacy Fournier in 1240 Everitt Laboratory.