

Loyola Marymount University Informed Consent Form

- TITLE:** Investigating the Effect of Assigned Teams for Group Projects
- INVESTIGATOR:** Mandy Korpusik, Computer Science, Seaver, (310-338-3972)
- PURPOSE:** You are being asked to participate in a research project that seeks to investigate the effect of assigned teams on group projects. You will be asked to complete a survey about your project experience and agree to release any of your submitted material in this course for anonymized analysis, including your final grades.
- RISKS:** Risks associated with this study include: There is a risk that students will feel pressured to participate in the study. There will be no repercussions for not participating.
- BENEFITS:** Your participation may lead to team assignments in the future that benefit students the most.
- INCENTIVES:** You will receive no gifts/incentives for this study. Participation in the project will require no monetary cost to you
- CONFIDENTIALITY:** We will collect subjects' names in connection with the data, including in the Gruuper app storing only your name, email, and grouping information. Your name will never be used in any public dissemination of these data (publications, presentations, etc.). All research materials and consent forms will be securely stored on LMU's Box and will be visible only to experimenters. When the research study ends, any identifying information will be removed from the data, or it will be destroyed. All of the information you provide will be kept confidential.
- RIGHT TO WITHDRAW:** Your participation in this study is *voluntary*. You may withdraw your consent to participate at any time without penalty. Your withdrawal will not influence any other services to which you may be otherwise entitled, your class standing or relationship with Loyola Marymount University.
- SUMMARY OF RESULTS:** A summary of the results of this research will be supplied to you, at no cost, upon request. Contact Professor Korpusik at mandy.korpusik@lmu.edu with any questions. Results will be available to participants by the end of the summer of 2025.
- VOLUNTARY CONSENT:** I have read the above statements and understand what is being asked of me. I also understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw my consent at any time, for any reason, without penalty. If the study design or use of the information is changed I will be informed and my consent reobtained. On these terms, I certify that I am willing to participate in this research project.

I understand that if I have any further questions, comments or concerns about the study or the informed consent process, I may contact Dr. Steve Heller, Institutional Review Board, Loyola Marymount University, 1 LMU Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90045-2659 or by email at irb@lmu.edu.

Participant's Signature

Date