Dear participant,

Thank you for wanting to partake in this research! For my Master thesis I am conducting a research project on the importance of theoretical principles in biology research and education. This questionnaire measures the views of students on theoretical biology education. The target group is life science students at the University of Amsterdam. It is important that you understand the procedure of this research. Therefore, please read the following text.

Instruction

In this survey you are asked to fill out a couple of questions. The questions are about your views on theoretical education at the University of Amsterdam (UvA). All questions relate to your personal views and experiences. Filling out the survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes.

Voluntariness

Taking part in this research is voluntary. All information will be treated confidentially. You can stop filling out the questionnaires at any moment, without having to state the reason.

Discomfort, risks, and insurance

No special insurance applies as there is no expected discomfort or risks for the participants of this survey.

Confidentiality

The data from this research will be used for scientific analysis. No personal information will be used, and your anonymity is fully guaranteed.

Further information

For further information about this survey, you can contact me, T.P.W. Vervenne (<u>t.p.w.vervenne@uva.nl</u>), or my supervisor, dr. M. Bruijning (m.bruijning@uva.nl). For any complaints about this research you can contact the member of the Ethics Board of the Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Dynamics at the University of Amsterdam, dr. C.J. Hickey (email: c.j.hickey@uva.nl).

You may download this information here.

By confirming the four statements below you declare to have read and understood the above information. Additionally, you declare to agree with the procedure as described above.

- I am an UvA student older than 16 years of age.
- I have read and understood the above information.
- I agree to participate in this survey and to the use of the data obtained with it.
- I keep the right to stop filling out the survey at any moment I wish to.