

Welcome to this online course from MITx

For us to offer the best course experience possible, we'd like to ask you to answer a few questions about yourself.

Whether you are just browsing or you are determined to complete the entire course, the more we know about you, the better we can serve all students in this course.

There are no right or wrong answers or responses, and your honest feedback is very important to us. After reading the consent document below, you may click the right arrow below to proceed.

**General Information About Survey Research in MITx.
Please Read then Click Below to Continue.**

Participation is voluntary

All survey responses are voluntary, students can skip any question at any time, and any responses have no effect on student assessments or participation.

What is the purpose of this research?

We are interested in learning more about our participants' backgrounds, interests, and motivations, and encouraging engagement with the course, so we can do the best possible job designing, evaluating and refining this course. With this research we will understand how to best encourage engagement with online education .

How long will I take part in this research?

Your participation will be the duration of the course.

What can I expect if I take part in this research?

As a participant, you will be provided questions about yourself and other short prompts, which we will use to understand your participation in the

How important were the following reasons in choosing to enroll in this course?

	Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Slightly Important	Not Important
To learn from the best professors and universities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To access learning opportunities not otherwise available to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Curiosity about online learning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To learn about course content	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To better serve my community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advancing my formal education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advancing my career	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Engaging in lifelong learning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To earn a certificate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To participate in an online community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Do you intend to earn a verified certificate?

Yes

No

Unsure

How many course lectures do you intend to complete?

All lectures

Most lectures

A few lectures

No lectures

How many course assessments (quizzes, tests, etc.) do you intend to complete?

All assessments

Most assessments

A few assessments

No assessments

How do you intend to participate in the forums?

I will contribute to discussion threads frequently

I will contribute to discussion threads occasionally

I will view discussion threads, but will not contribute

I will not visit the discussion forums



How many hours do you intend to spend on this course each week? *Please enter a whole number.*

How many online courses have you completed in the past? *Please enter a whole number. If you have not completed any, enter "0".*

How often do you set goals before learning something new?

Always

Most of the time

Sometimes

Rarely

Never

How familiar are you with the topics in this course?

Extremely familiar

Very familiar

Somewhat familiar

Slightly familiar

Not at all familiar



What is your gender?

Male

Female

Specify other

What is your year of birth? (e.g., 1985)

What is your current employment status?

Employed

Unemployed

Full-time student

Retired

Other

Are you currently, or have you ever identified yourself as, an instructor/teacher?

Yes

No

Unsure



Are you currently enrolled in a school, college, or university?

Yes

No

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Doctorate/Ph.D.

Masters

Professional

Bachelors

Some College

Associate

Secondary/High School

Middle school/Jr. High

Elementary

None

What is the highest level of education that **any of your parents** have completed?

Doctorate/Ph.D.

Masters

Professional

Bachelors

Some College

Associate

Secondary/High School

Middle school/Jr. High

Elementary

None



How would you describe your English language skills?

Fluent

Proficient

Intermediate

Basic

Weak

In which country were you born?

-- Choose a country --

How worried, if at all, are you that some people in this course will draw conclusions about you, based on what they think of your home country?

Extremely worried

Very worried

Moderately worried

Slightly worried

Not at all worried



You indicated that you are, or have been, an instructor or teacher.

Which of the following positions have you held in an educational system?

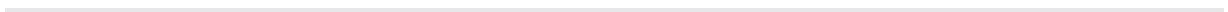
Teacher

Administrator

Instructional Coach

Educational Data Specialist

Other



Are you, or have you ever, taught material related to this course?

Yes

No

Unsure

Are you currently employed as an instructor/teacher?

Yes

No

In what settings did your instruction take place? (Please click all that apply)

Elementary / Primary School

Secondary School / Middle School/High School

College or University

Outside the scope of traditional schools.



In which industry do you work?

If you work in multiple industries please choose the one that best describes your field of work.

-- Choose an industry --

Within the industry you selected above, how would you describe your job (current, past, or anticipated)?

-- Choose a description --

You indicated that you are enrolled in a school, college, or university.

Are you enrolled as a full-time or part-time student?

Full-time

Part-time

Are any of your current courses similar to this online course?

Extremely similar

Very similar

Somewhat similar

Not similar at all

What kind of institution you are enrolled in?

Primary/elementary school

Junior secondary/junior high/middle school

Secondary/high school

College/university (2-year program)

College/university (4-year program)

Graduate or Professional School

Other



Researchers from Harvard University are interested in learning more about the experiences of students taking this course, in order to better understand the edX experience and to improve courses for future students. At present, this study is limited to adults over 18.

Are you interested in participating in an interview to share your experience in this course? If you are interested, a researcher may contact you by email about participating in a study of edX students.

Yes

No

Do you have any affiliations with MIT? *Check all that apply.*

Current Student

Alumnus/Alumna

Staff

Faculty

Why did you enroll in this course?

	Applies to me	Does not apply to me
General interest in topic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relevant to job	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relevant to school or degree program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relevant to academic research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meet new people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Course offered by prestigious university/professor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Experience an online course	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For personal growth and enrichment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Take with colleagues/friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For fun and challenge	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To improve my English skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Earn a certificate/statement of accomplishment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For career change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please write down a clear, concrete plan to follow through on your goals in the first week of the course. Plan-making can be a helpful tool in MOOCs! Successful students in previous courses have made detailed plans for how they will engage in the first week of the course.

In the text box below, **write out your plans to complete tasks for the course this upcoming week. Please be as specific as you can!**

You might find it helpful to consider these questions when you make your plans:

When and where do you plan to engage with the course content?

How much time will you spend studying in the first week?

What will you do to ensure you complete the required course work?

How will you overcome potential obstacles in the first week?

Here are some examples to inspire your plan-making (replace them with your own):

"I will watch videos Wednesday night after work, and complete the readings on Saturday morning."

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It's great that you have written down your plans. They will be a useful tool for overcoming difficulties and achieving your goals.

Take another look at your plans below. How will you make sure to remember them? For example, take a moment now to: write them down on paper, email them to yourself or a friend, add to a calendar with a reminder, or tell someone about them!

YOUR PLANS FOR THIS WEEK



Thank you for your response! Your information will help us improve this course and future courses.

Now you are ready to begin the class.