

CONSENT TO TAKE PART IN RESEARCH AS A HUMAN SUBJECT

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Title of Project: **What is the effect of human proctors on online exams?**

Principal Investigator(s): Jose J. Vazquez - PhD

You are being asked to participate in a research study. This form provides you with information about the study. You are welcome to copy and paste this form in its entirety and keep for your personal records. The Principal Investigator or his/her representative will provide you with any additional information that may be needed and answer any questions you may have. Read the information below and ask questions about anything you do not understand before you decide whether or not to take part. You must be 18 years or older to participate. Your participation is entirely voluntary, and you can refuse to participate or withdraw at anytime without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

Who is conducting the study?

Dr. Jose J. Vazquez and Dr. Colleen Schultz, two faculty members in the Economics Department on this University

What is the purpose of the study?

The goal of the study is to determine the effect of proctoring on student cheating and grades. About 1,400 subjects are expected to take part in this study.

What will be done if you agree to take part in this research study?

The study will take place over the course of the Spring 2023 semester at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which lasts approximately 16 weeks. Students in the course will be asked to answer a 10-question survey (that will be administered through Moodle), that asks students their general attitude towards anxiety. The survey takes approximately five minutes to complete.

Data analysis and collection for the purpose of this experiment will not begin until IRB approval has been received. Once IRB approval has been received and the semester ends, ATLAS will receive the class grades, and they will remove all names and replace them with aliases before sending them back to the researchers for analysis.

Benefits to participants

This study does not have any direct benefits to its participants. Yet, future students may benefit if the results lead to a better managing of exams.

How will results will be disseminated?

Peer review publications

What are the possible discomforts and risks?

The grades that you earn in the class will be used for analysis. However, this study is not to intended to catch and prosecute cheating students in the class or in previous classes. Also, the researchers will not have access to any personal information, only the class grades. Overall, the risks of participating in the study will not be greater than the risks experienced in your day-to-day activities.

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Will there be any costs related to the research?

No

Will there be any compensation for participation?

No

If you do not want to take part in this study, what other options are available to you?

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. If you do not want to participate in the study, simply check the appropriate box at the bottom of this document. You are free to refuse to be in the study or to withdraw from the study at any time. Your refusal will not influence in any way your grade in the class, or your standing with the University. The decision to participate, decline, or withdraw from participation will have no effect on the subject's grades at, status at, or future relations with the University of Illinois. In fact, none of the instructors or TAs in this course would know whether you agree to participate in the study or not, until after we submit the final grades. If you refuse to participate your grade will be taken out of the class average before this average is calculated for the purpose of the study.

How will your privacy and the confidentiality of your research records be protected?

Research records will not be released without your consent unless required by law or a court order. Any identifiers will be removed and replaced with pseudonyms. Your records may be viewed by the Institutional Review Board, but the confidentiality of your records will be protected to the extent permitted by law. The data resulting from your participation may be used in publications and/or presentations but your identity will not be disclosed.

Will my study-related information be kept confidential?

Yes, but not always. In general, we will not tell anyone any information about you. When this research is discussed or published, no one will know that you were in the study. However, laws and university rules might require us to disclose information about you. For example, if required by laws or University Policy, study information may be seen or copied by the following people or groups:

- The university committee and office that reviews and approves research studies, the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Office for Protection of Research Subjects;
- University and state auditors, and Departments of the university responsible for oversight of research;

How can you withdraw from this research study and whom should you call if you have questions?

If you wish to stop your participation for any reason, please contact the principal investigator Dr. Jose J. Vazquez at 217-419-3518 or vazquezj@illinois.edu. Throughout the study, the researchers will notify you of new information that may become available and that might affect your decision to remain in the study.

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In addition, if you have questions about your rights as a research subject, or if you have complaints, concerns, or questions about the research, you may contact the University of Illinois Institutional Review Board at 217-333-2670.

You have been informed about this study's purpose, procedures, possible benefits and risks. You have been given the opportunity to ask questions before you sign, and you have been told that you can ask other questions at any time.

You voluntarily agree to participate in this study. By signing this form, you are not waiving any of your legal rights.

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

Choosing "Yes" below will count as your online signature.

"I am 18 years old or older, and I agree to allow my grades and overall GPA for ECON 103 to be used in this research study."

☐ Yes

☐ No