

Key Information for Attitudes Towards Digital Proctoring Among Students and Teaching Assistants

What Am I Being Asked To Do?

You are being asked to be a volunteer in a research study. This page will give you key information to help you decide if you would like to participate. Your participation is voluntary.

What Is This Study About and What Procedures Will You be Asked to Follow?

The purpose of this study is to understand how students and TAs feel regarding various aspects of digital proctoring software. You will be asked to complete a short survey for this study. Your participation is expected to last no more than 30 minutes.

Are There Any Risks or Discomforts you Might Experience by Being in this Study?

We have not identified any risks or discomforts to you beyond those involved in completing a short online survey.

What Are the Reasons You Might Want to Volunteer For This Study?

While you will not benefit directly or immediately from participating in this study, we intend to use the data we gather to improve our digital proctoring practices, which will benefit all students who have to use digital proctoring software in their classes.

Do You Have to Take Part in the This Study?

It is fully your decision if you wish to be in this study or not. If you choose not to participate, or if you choose to participate and later determine you no longer wish to, you will not lose any rights, services, or benefits as a result of your withdrawal. The study is completely voluntary.

CONSENT DOCUMENT FOR ENROLLING ADULT PARTICIPANTS IN A RESEARCH STUDY

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Project Title: Attitudes Towards Digital Proctoring Among Students and Teaching Assistants

Investigators: David Joyner and Alex Duncan

Protocol and Consent Title: H21188, Main 05/06/2021 v01

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Purpose:

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Exclusion/Inclusion Criteria:

Participants in this study must be either a student or a teaching assistant at Georgia Tech.

Procedures:

If you decide to be in this study, your part will involve completing one of two surveys depending on if you are a student or a teaching assistant. The survey will ask you to describe your experiences using, and your attitudes towards, digital proctoring software. The survey should take no more than 30 minutes.

Risks or Discomforts:

The risks involved are no greater than those involved in completing a short online survey.

Benefits:

While you will not benefit directly or immediately from participating in this study, we intend to use the data we gather to improve our digital proctoring practices, which will benefit all students who have to use digital proctoring software in their classes.

Compensation to You:

Students will be compensated with course extra credit.

Storing and Sharing your Information:

Your participation in this study is gratefully acknowledged. It is possible that your information/data will be enormously valuable for other research purposes. By participating, you consent for your de-identified information/data to be stored by the researcher and to be shared with other researchers in future studies. If you agree to allow such future sharing and use, your identity will be completely separated from your information/data. Future researchers will not have a way to identify you. Any future research must be approved by an ethics committee before being undertaken.

Confidentiality:

The following procedures will be followed to keep your personal information confidential in this study: We will comply with any applicable laws and regulations regarding confidentiality. To protect your privacy, your records will be kept under a code number rather than by name. Your records will be kept in locked files, and only study staff will be allowed to look at them. The results of this study are intended for publication, but your name and any other fact that might point to you will not appear when the results are presented or published. Further, the results will be aggregated in any presentations or publications such that your identity cannot be deduced. The Georgia Institute of Technology IRB and the Office of Human Research Protections may look over study records during required reviews.

Costs to You:

There are no costs to you, other than your time, for being in this study.

Questions about the Study:

If you have any questions about the study, you may contact David Joyner at david.joyner@gatech.edu or Alex Duncan at alex.duncan@gatech.edu.

Questions about Your Rights as a Research Participant:

- Your participation in this study is voluntary. You do not have to be in this study if you don't want to be.
- You have the right to change your mind and leave the study at any time without giving any reason and without penalty.
- Any new information that may make you change your mind about being in this study will be given to you.
- You will be given a copy of this consent form to keep.
- You do not waive any of your legal rights by signing this consent form.

If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may
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Office of Research Integrity Assurance, at (404) 894-6942.

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By completing the online survey, you indicate your consent to be in the study.