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`COMP3008 Student Names:`

Note: This project was reviewed by the Carleton University Research Ethics Board (CUREB-B), which provided clearance to carry out the research: (Clearance #105985).

If you have any ethical concerns with the study, please contact Dr. Andy Adler, Chair, Carleton University Research Ethics Board-B (by phone at 613-520-2600 ext. 4085 or via email at ethics@carleton.ca

Study Purpose: This project is to enable students in COMP3008 to experience working with potential users to better understand user requirements and usability of a proposed interactive computer system. Working with potential users is considered best practice in the design of interactive computer systems, and is identified in international standards such as ISO 9241-210:2010 — Human-centred design for interactive systems. Part of the process is first obtaining informed consent from prospective participants, and that is the reason for this form.

Study Procedure: In the project, the proposed system is a new system to help students plan their degree programs. For example, it might explain degree requirements, check course pre-requisites, and suggest alternative courses.

The study will be conducted as if was part of a real project to design a degree planning system. Two common data collection methods will be followed.

First, we may ask you general questions about degree planning, for example about how you choose courses and consider alternatives, and your goals for completing your degree program.

Second, we may ask you to pretend to plan a degree, choose a course, or a similar activity, using materials or a prototype system we provide. We will suggest an imaginary context, and ask you to think aloud as you work.

Risks, Benefits, Compensation: We are not aware of any risks associated with this study. The benefits are that COMP3008 students gain experience in this aspect of Interaction Design, and that you may gain some insight about the processes involved in designing usable computer systems. There will be no financial compensation for your participation in the study.

Consent and Withdrawal: We require your consent before you can participate in the student, which you may indicate by signing your initials in the space provided below. You may choose to withdraw from the study at any time and without explanation, in which case any collected data will be discarded.

Anonymity and Confidentiality: The study involves gaining better general understanding of how students plan their degree programs, but does not involve asking you any specific personal information, nor any specific details of your degree or courses. We do not record or even ask your full name. We will not record or divulge any personal information about you.

By signing with your initials below, you consent to participate in the study.

`Initials:`   `Date:`