

Consent form to use with focus group participation
Undergraduate Student Courses and Mental Health Focus Group
PARTICIPANTS' INFORMATION SHEET and CONSENT FORM

PURPOSE: You are being asked to participate in a research study. The purpose of the study is to look at the effects of different course types on undergraduate student mental health and belonging within science.

PROCEDURES: If you decide to participate, you will be part of a focus group with a maximum of three students and the researchers in person. The focus groups will last between 60-75 minutes. You will be asked permission to record audio of the focus group session. All data will be de-identified before any analysis is performed and no identifying information will be presented with the data.

RISKS: There is minimal risk involved. These questions may make you feel slightly uncomfortable as you are asked about your mental well-being and belonging within science as related to your current coursework.

BENEFITS: There is no direct benefit to you anticipated from your participation in this study.

CONFIDENTIALITY: The results of this research may be shared with campus administrators, presented at a conference, or published in an academic journal. Your identity will not be made known in written materials resulting from this study; pseudonyms will be used with any quotes. We will delete the emails that were collected once the focus groups are complete and they will not be shared with anyone. Audio recordings will be transcribed and stored in a password-protected Box folder during the duration of the research project, only viewed and accessed by the research team. All video and audio recordings will be deleted and destroyed at the conclusion of the research project. Absolute confidentiality cannot be guaranteed, since research documents are not protected from subpoena and third party platforms used to record the interview may have access to the recordings under their privacy policy.

COSTS/PAYMENT: Each participant who completes the focus group will receive a \$15 gift card.

RIGHT TO REFUSE OR WITHDRAW: You may change your mind about being in the study and quit after the study has started. You may skip any questions during the survey without penalty.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions about this research project or if you think you may have been injured as a result of your participation, please contact: Helen Payne, helenpayne@ucsb.edu, 949-390-4884 If you have any questions regarding your rights and participation as a research subject, please contact the Human Subjects Committee at (805) 893-3807 or hsc@research.ucsb.edu. Or write to the University of California, Human Subjects Committee, Office of Research, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-2050

Thank you for your time and help in completing this project.

Do you consent to do this study?

Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____