

## CONSENT FORM

<b>Project Title</b>	<b><i>Working Memory and Cognition</i></b>
<b>Why is this research being done?</b>	<i>This is a research project being conducted by Dr. Michael Dougherty at the University of Maryland, College Park. We are inviting you to participate in this research project if you are at least 18 years of age. The purpose of this research project is to understand the role of working memory and attention in cognition.</i>
<b>What will I be asked to do?</b>	<i>The procedures involve tasks that will access your ability to perform a number of basic cognitive tasks. These tasks will take place on the computer. You may be asked to remember some information while performing a distracting task. You may be asked to identify characteristics of stimuli such as the color or shape of an object. You may be asked to answer multiple choice questions testing your reading comprehension or ability to perform mathematical operations. For your participation you will receive one credit per hour towards a psychology course you are enrolled in the psychology subject pool OR you may receive \$10-15.</i>
<b>What about confidentiality?</b>	<i>We will do our best to keep your personal information confidential. To help protect your confidentiality, you will not be asked to provide your name or social security number. In order to help maintain confidentiality, please close the browser after completing the experiment. If we write a report or article about this research project, your identity will be protected to the maximum extent possible. Your information may be shared with representatives of the University of Maryland, College Park or governmental authorities if you or someone else is in danger or if we are required to do so by law.</i>
<b>What are the risks of this research?</b>	<i>There are no known risks associated with participating in this research project.</i>
<b>What are the benefits of this research?</b>	<i>This research is not designed to help you personally, but the results may help the investigator learn more about working memory and cognition. We hope that, in the future, the experiment's results may help us to improve basic cognitive skill important for reading and reasoning.</i>
<b>Do I have to be in this research? May I stop participating at any time?</b>	<i>Your participation in this research is completely voluntary. You may choose not to take part at all. If you decide to participate in this research, you may stop participating at any time. If you decide not to participate in this study or if you stop participating at any time, you will not be penalized or lose any benefits to which you otherwise qualify.</i>
<b>What if I have questions?</b>	<i>This research is being conducted by Dr. Michael Dougherty at the University of Maryland, College Park. If you have any questions about the research study itself, please contact Dr. Dougherty at: 1145B Biology-Psychology Building; College Park, MD 20742; 301-405-0678; <a href="mailto:mdougherty@psyc.umd.edu">mdougherty@psyc.umd.edu</a>. If you have questions about your rights as a research subject or wish to report a research-related injury, please contact: <b>Institutional Review Board Office, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, 20742; (e-mail) <a href="mailto:irb@deans.umd.edu">irb@deans.umd.edu</a>; (telephone) 301-405-0678</b> This research has been reviewed according to the University of Maryland, College Park IRB procedures for research involving human subjects.</i>
<b>Statement of Age of Subject and Consent</b>	<i>By continuing on with the experiment and clicking continue, you indicate that:: you are at least 18 years of age;; the research has been explained to you; your questions have been fully answered; and you freely and voluntarily choose to participate in this research project.</i>