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Welcome to this online course from HarvardX

For us to offer the best course experience possible, we'd like to ask you to answer a few questions about yourself.

Whether you are just browsing or you are determined to complete the entire course, the more we know about you, the better we can serve all students in this course. As one of the first students in this new, free offering, your responses will be especially important to us.

There are no right or wrong answers or responses, and your honest feedback is very important to us. After reading the consent document below, you may click the right arrow below to proceed.

General Information About Survey Research in HarvardX.
Please Read then Click Below to Continue.

Participation is voluntary

All survey responses are voluntary, students can skip any question at any time, and any responses have no effect on student assessments or participation.

What is the purpose of this research?

We are interested in learning more about our participants' backgrounds, interests, and motivations, and encouraging engagement with the course, so we can do the best possible



job designing, evaluating and refining this course. With this research we will understand how to best encourage engagement with online education .

How long will I take part in this research?

Your participation will be the duration of the course.

What can I expect if I take part in this research?

As a participant, you will be provided questions about yourself and other short prompts, which we will use to understand your participation in the course.

What are the risks and possible discomforts?

If you choose to participate, we anticipate minimal risks and only the minor discomfort that might accompany online surveys.

Are there any benefits from being in this research study?

We cannot promise any benefits to you or others from taking part in this research. However, possible benefits include your being more engaged with the course and better serving future students who participate in online courses.

If I take part in this research, how will my privacy be protected? What happens to the information you collect?

Your instructor will not be able to identify your personal responses during the course and researchers will not attempt to identify individuals. Your data will not be made identifiable to anyone other than researchers and course staff, and it will be aggregated for analysis and publication purposes.

If I have any questions, concerns or complaints about this research study, who can I talk to?

The researcher for this study is Yigal Rosen who can be reached at 617-496-0410, 125 Mt. Auburn St, Cambridge, MA, 02138, yigal_rosen@harvard.edu for any of the following:

If you cannot see the survey above, click [this link](#) to access it in a new window.

