

Informed Consent Form

An Exploration of Alcoholism and Academic Achievement of University Students

Research Personnel:

The following people are involved in this research project and may be contacted at any time: Mary Doe 780-479-9999 and Harry Doe 403-292-9999.

Purpose:

You are invited to participate in a research study being conducted for a dissertation at Updike University in Grand Prairie, Alberta. The purpose of this study is to examine the link (if any) between alcoholism and academic achievement in university students. The study will focus on how alcoholism may impact a university student's grade point average. There is no deception in this study.

Participation Requirements:

You will be asked to complete one paper-and-pencil questionnaire that includes questions about how you view life. This should only take about ten minutes of your time. Signing this consent form also includes consenting to the Updike University Registrar's Office releasing your grade point average to the researcher. Your grade point average will be provided with only your student identification number, and no other personally identifying information.

Voluntary Participation:

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary and you may choose to stop participating at any time.

Right to Withdraw:

You have the right to withdraw from the study for any reason, at any time, without penalty. You may omit questions on the questionnaire if you do not want to answer them.

Potential Risk / Discomfort:

Although we do not foresee any risks or discomfort from your participation in the research, some of the information is personally sensitive and also includes questions about your life which may be distressing to some people. However, you may withdraw at any time and you may choose not to answer any question that you feel uncomfortable in answering.

Potential Benefit:

There are no direct benefits to you for participating in this research. No incentives are offered. Students will benefit from the examination of the relationship between alcoholism and academic performance in university by strengthening the ability of post-secondary institutions to provide strategies for how to mitigate against the disruption of schoolwork and decreased academic productivity. Furthermore, these results will provide direction and focus to the prevention and treatment of alcoholism on university campuses.

Confidentiality:

The data collected in this study is confidential. All data are coded such that your name is not associated with them. In addition, the coded data are made available only to the researchers associated with this project. Your data will be safely stored in a locked facility and only the researchers will have access to this information. Confidentiality will be provided to the fullest extent possible by law.

Questions About the Research?

If you have questions about the research in general or about your role in the study, please feel free to contact Barbara van Ingen either by telephone at 780-479-9999 or by email at marydoe@updike.ab.ca

This research has been reviewed by the Updike University Ethics Research Board and conforms to the standards of research ethics guidelines.

If you would like to obtain a copy of this research from Mary Doe, record your email address on the line below.

Signatures

I have read the above description of the Exploration of Alcoholism and Academic Achievement of University Students study and understand the conditions of my participation. My signature indicates that I agree to participate.

Participant's Name: _____

Participant's Signature: _____

My signature indicates that I agree to authorize the Registrar to release my grade point average to the researcher.

Participant's Name: _____

Participant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Researcher's Name: Mary Doe_____

Researcher's Signature: _____