

Many research projects utilize surveys or questionnaires as their data source. In most cases, it is not necessary to record the data in such a way that respondents may be identified, because data are only reported in composite. The use of a signed consent form will, in these cases, be the only means of identifying a person as participating in a project, and will thus be the only potential basis for the risk of violating confidentiality and privacy. At the same time, persons have the right to be informed, and the right to refuse participation in a research project. In order to maintain these rights, and avoid the risk of violating these rights, the following paragraph should be used in conjunction with all non-identified survey or questionnaire research. If an online survey tool is being used you may modify the wording to reflect that.

Saint Martin's University OMB Control number: _____

IORG number: _____

IRB Approval Date _____

*Saint Martin's University
Implied Consent for Research*

Title of the Project:

Investigators:

Advisor:

Department:

Email of the Investigator:

Phone # of the advisor:

You are invited to participate in a research project being done for (Name of Class or purpose of the project, e.g. thesis). To participate you will only need to fill out the attached questionnaire. There will be complete privacy of the information you supply, because your name will never be used or associated with the project. You are free to choose to participate or not participate, and you may stop your participation at any time. Whether you participate or not will have no detrimental effect on ('your performance in the course or' use this phrase with students only) your relationship with the University. By completing this questionnaire you are giving your consent to participate in the project and you are certifying that you are over 18 years old.