

Informed Consent to Participate in Research

The purpose of this research study is to examine factors related to the development of spatial ability. You will be asked read a narrative about spatial ability, complete two spatial ability tests, and complete an online video game program. Some research requires that the full purpose of the study not be explained before you participate. We will give you a full explanation at the end of the study. Your participation in this study will take approximately 30 minutes. For participating in this study, you will be compensated with 1.0 research credit for your Introduction for Psychology class.

The benefits of this study are that you will be able to learn about an interesting psychology topic, and your data will contribute to the growing body of research examining spatial ability. The risks associated with this study are no greater than completing questionnaires and playing video games in everyday life.

Your name will not be attached to your responses in any way. Your name and any other identifiers will be kept in a locked file cabinet and your data will be kept on a password-protected computer. Both the file cabinet and the computer are only accessible by the researcher. The results of this study will be used for scholarly purposes only, and presented in educational settings. Any shared information from this study will not identify you by name. Data will be kept for at least three years before it is destroyed.

Contact: If you have any questions regarding this study, you may contact me, Jane Smith, at smithj@franklinpierce.edu. If you have additional questions about this research or your rights as a research participant please contact my faculty advisor, Dr. Brandi Klein, at 603.899.4266 or kleinb@franklinpierce.edu or the Franklin Pierce University Institutional Review Board (IRB) at irb@franklinpierce.edu

Your participation in this study is voluntary. If you do not wish to participate, or would like to end your participation in this study, there is no penalty or loss of benefits to you to which you are otherwise entitled. In other words, you are free to make your own choice about participating in this study, and may quit at any time without penalty.

In order to participate in this research study, it is necessary that you give your informed consent. By signing this informed consent form, you are indicating that you understand the nature of the research study and your role in that research, and that you agree to participate in the research. Please consider the following before signing:

- I understand that I am participating in psychological research.
- I understand that all my information I provide will remain confidential.
- I understand that participation in research is not required and that after the individual research project has begun, I may refuse to participate further without penalty. I understand that I will still receive credit in my course even if I decide to drop out of this research. I understand that I may leave individual questions blank, if I choose to do so.

By signing this form, I am stating that I am 18 years of age or older, understand the above information, and that I consent to participate in this study being conducted at Franklin Pierce University.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print name: _____