

## Study Background

My name is Julia Koutsoukos (Koutsouk@msu.edu), and I am a student in MI 220 "Methods for Understanding Users," taught by Dr. Megan Knittel (knittel2@msu.edu) in the Department of Media and Information at Michigan State University.

You are being asked to participate in an interview as part of one of the assignments I must complete for this course. The interview focuses on how you go about choosing courses to take at MSU. The purpose of this consent form is to give you the information you will need to help you decide whether to participate in this interview. Feel free to ask any questions of that you have before or during the interview. The interview should take about 30 minutes to complete.

In the interview, {I will be asking the participant about MSU course selection and the process that is involved, at a high level}.

I will make an audio recording of the interview, for my use in completing this assignment. The audio file will also be turned in to the course instructors as part of the assignment requirements. Any information I collect will remain confidential and will be disclosed only to Dr. Knittel and the teaching assistant in MI 220. No personally identifying information will be associated with any of the information collected from you. Your information will be given an anonymous ID number, and we will only use that ID number and not your name to refer to your information.

You have the right to stop participating at any time. Your decision regarding participation will have no adverse consequences. There are no direct benefits to you from participation in the interview. Your participation will assist in my learning and meeting the course requirements for MI 220.

## Participant Consent

I understand that the information collected during the interview is for educational purposes only and that my name and information will not be used for any other purpose.

I understand that participation in the interview study is voluntary, and I agree to immediately raise any concerns or areas of discomfort during the interview, or with Dr. Knittel (knittel2@msu.edu) after the interview is over.

Please sign below to indicate that you have read and you understand the information on this form and that any questions you might have about the interview have been answered.

### Participant:

Signature\_\_\_\_\_Cecilia Nguyen\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_9/11/24\_\_\_\_\_

### Interviewer:

Signature Julia Koutsoukos Date 9/11/24

## Permission to Record

I give my permission for an audio recording of this interview to be made. I relinquish any rights to the recording and understand the recording will be submitted to fulfil course requirements for MI 220, "Methods for Understanding Users".

\_\_\_X\_\_\_yes      \_\_\_no      (Please initial here \_\_\_CN\_\_\_)

