

Consent Form

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This semester the Center for the Study of Writing (CSW) at Carnegie Mellon and the University of California, Berkeley, will begin a longitudinal study examining the kinds of writing students do in their undergraduate courses. Participants in the research study will:

1. Keep course syllabi and a record of writing assignments in their courses, as well as drafts and final versions of papers
2. Meet with the research team one time each semester to turn in and discuss their writings
3. Meet with the research team once a year to be interviewed about their course of study
4. Write an essay relevant to their field of study, write a summary of an article, and provide a talk-aloud protocol as they read an article
5. Allow the research team to obtain their test scores (e.g. SAT) and grades (high school and college)
6. Allow the research team to use excerpts from their writings in publications about research with the understanding that their identities will not be revealed at any time

In return, participants in the study will receive \$25 each year. If you are willing to participate in this research, please read and sign the consent form below.

I agree to participate in all the procedures listed above. I understand that my identity will be protected and will not be revealed when data from the research are presented in publication. I give the Center for the Study of Writing permission to use excerpts from what I write without identifying me as a writer.

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