**Informed Consent Form**

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**Description of Research:**

You are invited to join a research study that will examine possible reasons for student withdrawal from Estrella Mountain Community College classes. All data collected will be done in the form of survey answers. **Your participation is not required and the decision to participate or not is completely up to you.** The research can be used to give Estrella Mountain Community College information about its students and the challenges that some students face.

**What Will My Participation Involve?**

If you decide to participate, you will be asked to complete a survey that should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. You will then be asked to complete a similar survey three other times throughout the semester. You may also be contacted by one of the researchers of the study if you withdraw or are withdrawn from this class to answer questions about your experience in the course and reasons for withdrawal. The research contacting you would be a researcher other than your professor for this course. **If you complete the study, you will earn extra credit for this course by participating in the study.**

**Risks:**

This study will only contain minimal risks. Some minor psychological discomfort is possible, but this is not anticipated.

**Benefits:**

There are no expected direct benefits for participants in this study. However, the data collected from your responses could provide information to the college about the students that attend Estrella Mountain and challenges that may be related to college success.

**Confidentiality:**

The information that you provide will be kept in a password secured computer located on Estrella Mountain Community College campus. Any personally identifiable information will be de-identified at the end of the study in order to keep confidentiality of participants.

**Who Should I Contact if I Have Any Questions?**

You are able to ask questions about the study before and after your voluntary participation. If you have any questions regarding the survey or any of the data that will be collected, you may contact the faculty researcher, Dr. Norma Hernandez at [norma.hernandez@estrellamountain.edu](mailto:norma.hernandez@estrellamountain.edu) or at (949) 378-2778. If you have concerns about the manner in which the research was conducted, you may also contact the district IRB office at [irb\_office@domain.maricopa.edu](mailto:irb_office@domain.maricopa.edu) or at (480) 731-8701.

You can choose not to participate or to withdraw from the study at any time without penalty and **will be given the opportunity to earn the same extra credit points through an alternative assignment.** Feel free to ask questions about your participation in this study as well. You may request a copy of this form for any reason if you would like.

Verify below that you have read and understood the consent form and agree to the terms above.

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**You must be at least 18 years of age to participate in this study.**