

Permission to Take Part in a Human Research Study

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Study Title: Surveying Student Benefits of Including Universal Design & Accessibility Topics in College Curriculum

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Your participation in this research study is voluntary. Please think about the information below carefully. Feel free to email questions to the contact above before making your decision whether or not to participate. If you decide to participate, your consent is indicated by submitting this survey. [A pdf copy of this consent form can be obtained from this link.](#)

1. Purpose and Background

The purpose of this study is to gauge the usefulness of accessibility and Universal Design topics in college curricula. Specifically, we are studying if students who take courses with these topics in design and technical classes report benefits in seeking employment or if they experience benefits in other areas of their education. You are being asked to participate in this study because we would like to learn about your experiences in taking or not taking these topics in your coursework. Your answers will help to determine if including accessibility topics in coursework provides benefit to students and help determine what topics in this area might be most beneficial.

2. Study Tasks and Procedures

You are being asked to respond to an online survey. You can complete the survey at your convenience. Unless you provide your name and contact information for a follow-up interview (optional), your response will be anonymous. If you provide your name or email identifying information will be separated from any other data collected, maintaining your privacy and anonymity in all published and written data resulting from this study.

3. Duration – The survey will take less than 15 minutes of your time.

4. Participants – We expect about 400 - 500 individuals to be a part of the study.

5. Study Withdrawal

If you provide your name for a follow-up interview, you have the right to withdraw your consent or discontinue participation at any time. Simply send an email to hkramer@colorado.edu if you wish to withdraw. You have the right to refuse to answer any question(s) for any reason.

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6. Risks and Discomforts

The risks to you are minimal since your individual responses to this survey are anonymous, and in cases where your name is provided, will remain confidential. No one except the researchers will have access to your responses with your identifying information. Identifying information (for example, your name), if provided, will only be used to combine the survey answers with any future surveys, and will be deleted prior to any subsequent analysis.

7. Potential Benefits

We cannot promise any benefits to you or others from your taking part in this research. However, through participation in this study you will have the opportunity to provide valuable information on the usefulness and benefits of accessibility and Universal Design topics in college curricula. Information from this research study may influence the decision of colleges and universities to include these topics in their design and technical programs.

8. CU Boulder Students or Employees

If you are a CU Boulder student or employee, taking part in this research is not part of your class work or duties. You can refuse to enroll, or withdraw after enrolling at any time, with no effect on your class standing, grades, or job at CU Boulder. You will not be offered or receive any special consideration if you take part in this research.

9. Confidentiality

Information obtained about you for this study will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law. Research information that identifies you may be shared with the University of Colorado Boulder Institutional Review Board (IRB) and others who are responsible for ensuring compliance with laws and regulations related to research, including people on behalf of the Office for Human Research Protections. The information from this research may be published for scientific purposes; however, your identity will not be given out.

10. Compensation

You will not be paid to participate in this study.

11. Participant Rights

Taking part in this study is your choice. You may choose either to take part or not take part in the study. No matter what decision you make, there will be no penalty to you in any way.

12. Contact and Questions

For questions, concerns, or complaints about this study, or think the research has hurt you, call Howard Kramer at 303-492-86672 or email at hkramer@colorado.edu.

This research has been reviewed and approved by an IRB. You may talk to them at (303) 735-3702 or irbadmin@colorado.edu if:

- Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone besides the research team.
- You have questions about your rights as a research subject.
- You want to get information or provide input about this research.

13. Providing your Consent

Your agreement to participate is indicated by completing and submitting this survey. Again, your participation is entirely voluntary. You may email any questions to the researchers listed above at any time. Your signature is not required on any document.

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