You are invited to be in a research study that explores the impact of technologically enhanced course (re)designs on student learning outcomes. You were selected as a possible participant because you are over the age of 18 and enrolled in a course being redesigned by a faculty member who is participating in the Office of Information Technology’s 2012-13 Faculty Fellowship Program. We ask that you read this form and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to be in the study.

This study is being conducted by: Dr. Abram Anders, Assistant Professor, Labovitz School of Business and Economics and Dr. Paul Baepler, Educational Technology Services, Office of Information Technology.

**Background Information**

The purpose of this study is to assess and evaluate the impact of (re)designing courses or significant components of courses using the innovative application of educational technologies by gathering data on student learning outcomes and experiences.

**Procedures:**

If you agree to be in this study, we would ask you to do one or more of the following things: complete brief surveys or questionnaires, complete various classroom assessments and evaluations, and/or participate in a focus group.

**Risks and Benefits of being in the Study**

There are no risks associated with your participation in this study. Your participation in the study is completely voluntary.

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**Compensation:**

There may be some incentives for optional focus group participation, including extra credit in your course and small bookstore gift certificates. They will depend on your instructor’s wishes and availability.

**Confidentiality:**

The records of this study will be kept private. In any sort of report we might publish, we will not include any information that will make it possible to identify a subject. Research records will be stored securely and only researchers will have access to the records.
Voluntary Nature of the Study:

Participation in this study is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relations with the University of Minnesota. If you decide to participate, you are free to not answer any question or withdraw at any time without affecting those relationships.

Contacts and Questions:

The researchers conducting this study are: Dr. Abram Anders, Assistant Professor, Labovitz School of Business and Economics and Dr. Paul Baepler, Educational Technology Services, Office of Information Technology. You may ask any questions you have now. If you have questions later, you are encouraged to contact them at the Office of Information Technology by phone (612.625.7075) or email adanders@d.umn.edu, baepler001@umn.edu.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this study and would like to talk to someone other than the researcher(s), you are encouraged to contact the Research Subjects’ Advocate Line, D528 Mayo, 420 Delaware St. Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455; (612) 625-1650.

You will be given a copy of this information to keep for your records.

Statement of Consent:

I have read the above information. I have asked questions and have received answers. I do not wish to be a part of this study.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: _________________

**ONLY IF** If you do not agree to participate, you may return this consent form in one of following ways:

- You may sign the consent form and fax it (with a cover sheet) to D. Christopher Brooks at: 612-625-9305
- You may sign the consent form and return it to:
  D. Christopher Brooks, Research Fellow
  Educational Technology Services
  Office of Information Technology
  212 Walter Library
  117 Pleasant St SE
  Minneapolis, MN 55455

Please note that if you do not return this form, you are agreeing to participate based on the terms outlined in this document.