

Participant Recruitment Statement

My name is _____ and I am a professor of sociology here at Illinois State University. My main area of research interest at this time is teaching and learning in sociology. I have Institutional Review Board approval to conduct a longitudinal study of our sociology majors on the extent to which and in what ways majors develop their sociological imagination, engagement in the discipline, and identity as a sociologist. All sociology majors enrolled in SOA 206 the fall and spring of this academic year are being asked to participate voluntarily. Over the course of your career as a sociology major, you will be asked to complete two questionnaires, one face-to-face interview, one brief reflective essay, and two short answer questions. The estimated total time this will all take across the years of the study is about 3-4 hours. Much of this will occur outside of class time. I hope to use the information obtained to develop strategies for our teaching, curriculum, and student support that will improve the learning of our discipline by our students.

Your participation in any and all phases of the research is voluntary; you may refuse to participate or answer questions or may quit at any time without penalty. Your participation or lack of participation will have not impact on any outcomes related to your course work or the major. If you choose not to engage in the research tasks during class time, you will either be dismissed early or be involved in another task as deemed appropriate by your instructor. Your responses are confidential. If you have any questions about this project, please contact your name (youremail@ilstu.edu) or the Research and Sponsored Programs Office at 438-2528. I greatly appreciate your assistance with this important study.

If you are willing to participate in this longitudinal study, please print your name and sign the two copies of this form and return one to me or my GA, and keep one for yourself.

I agree to participate.

(print name above)

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