

Research Study: Consortium for the Advancement of Undergraduate Science Education

A research project is going on in this class as part of our continued effort to increase student learning. You are the next wave of leaders, researchers, and voters, and we need to understand how to educate future students better. Your participation in this study will help faculty learn about effective ways to teach for all students. This will provide benefits to many students and faculty beyond those directly participating in the project. By allowing us to include your data in our study you will ensure that all students are represented and will greatly further our ability to educate you better.

Your instructor can require you take a survey and give you participation points, but you are not required to share your answers with researchers. Your instructor will not use the researchers' findings to give you grades. You will not receive any extra credit if you choose to participate in the study, and you will not lose credit if you choose not to participate in the study.

There are forms available in your departmental advising office, that you can sign any time from now until the last day of class. Course staff will never know if you choose this option.

If your responses are included in the study, they will be combined with scores regarding your classroom performance, as well as demographic information from the UW Registrar including SAT/ACT scores, GPA, race, ethnicity, gender, whether you are the first in your family to go to college and whether you participate in the educational opportunity program.

All of this information will remain completely confidential, and your name will be removed from any and all data used in the study. In this way, the information used in the research project can never be associated with your name or other personal identification. If you have questions about your rights as study participants, you can contact the University of Washington Human Subjects Division, anonymously if you wish, at (206) 543-0098 or hsdinfo@uw.edu. If you have concerns or questions about this study, such as scientific issues, how to do any part of it, or to report an injury (i.e. physical, psychological, social, financial, or otherwise), please contact Drs. Mary Pat Wenderoth, Principal Lecturer, Biology, (206) 685-8022, mpw@uw.edu or Jennifer Doherty, Senior Lecturer, Biology, (206) 616-4029, doherty2@uw.edu or Dr. Deborah Weigand, Principal Lecturer, UW Chemistry wiegand@uw.edu