



## Examining the Influence of Mood State on Attentional Scope Consent Form

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The purpose of this study is to determine if basic attentional mechanisms are related to individual differences in responses to emotional stimuli. In this experiment you will complete an attention task which will require you to rate pictures and schematic faces (emojis). The pictures you will contain emotional content similar to what you may see on a TV show or on the news. However, some of the pictures may be upsetting to some participants. It will take you less than 60 minutes to complete and you will receive 2 Research Participation credits for your participation.

Your participation is entirely voluntary. You may withdraw from the study at any point, for any reason without any negative consequences. If you withdraw your data will be discarded immediately. Choosing to withdrawal/dropout after agreeing to participate will have NO adversely effect or consequences on you or your education.

Additionally, your participation is entirely confidential. Your name will be kept separate from your data. You will be assigned a number to identify your data, however this will be kept separate from any identifying information. Consent forms will be kept separately in a locked cabinet and electronic data will be stored on a secure server within the Psychology department. Following the completion of the project, anonymized data will be uploaded to an online repository to accompany a published manuscript. This data will be completely confidential and anonymized. The signed consent forms will be destroyed within a year of data collection being completed.

This study is designated as “Minimal Risk” since the risk associated with the study is no greater than might be experienced in normal everyday life. Your participation will help us gain a deeper understanding of the interaction between cognition and emotion an you will also have the opportunity to experience and learn about cognitive psychological research. If you have any questions or wish to know the results of the study please contact Regard Booy ([rmb8@sfu.ca](mailto:rmb8@sfu.ca)) or Dr. Thomas Spalek ([tspalek@sfu.ca](mailto:tspalek@sfu.ca)).

This research is being conducted with the permission of the Simon Fraser Research Ethics Board, whose primary concern is the continued health safety, and psychological well-being of research participants. **If you have any concerns about your rights as a research participant and/or your experiences while participating in this study, you may contact Dr. Jeffrey Toward, Director, Office of Research Ethics at [jtoward@sfu.ca](mailto:jtoward@sfu.ca) or 778-782-6593.**

Taking part in this study is entirely up to you. You have the right to refuse to participate in this study. If you decide to take part, you may choose to withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. Your signature below indicates that you voluntarily consent to participate in this study.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date (YYYY/MM/DD)