

Informed Consent Statement for Research
College in Prison Survey of Student Engagement
Indiana University Protocol #21520

We are asking you to participate in a research study. This consent form will give you information about the study to help you decide whether you want to participate. It is your choice whether you want to be in this research study. Please read this form, and ask any questions you have, before agreeing to be in the study.

The purpose of this study is to provide college-in-prison programs with data to evaluate the quality of their educational programs, assess the student experience, and compare their programs to similar programs across the United States. We are asking you if you want to be in this study because of your enrollment in this college-in-prison program. Researchers at the Center for Postsecondary Research at Indiana University Bloomington are conducting this study.

If you agree to be in the study, you will complete a survey questionnaire asking about your experiences in your college-in-prison program. The survey will take you about 30 minutes to complete. We will return your responses to your college-in-prison program, but we will not collect any personally identifying information such as your name. While completing the survey, you can skip any questions that make you uncomfortable or that you do not want to answer.

Before agreeing to participate, please consider the risks and potential benefits of taking part in this study. We do not think that you will have any personal benefits from taking part in this study, but we hope to learn things that will help people in college-in-prison programs in the future. *You will not be paid to participate in this study, and prison officials or your parole board will not take your participation in this research into account in their decisions.*

We will protect your information, but we cannot promise complete confidentiality. We will not connect your responses to personally identifiable information such as your name, but an examination of your demographic responses by your college-in-prison staff might identify you. We will not publicly share any information that could identify you. We may need to share your responses with other groups for quality assurance or data analysis. These groups include the Indiana University Institutional Review Board, our collaborators at the Center for Community College Student Engagement and Holy Cross College, and state or federal agencies who may need to access the research records (as allowed by law). Other research studies may use the information collected for this study. It may also include making the data available in public and private databases of research data so that other researchers can use the information to answer research questions.

If you have questions about this study, you can contact the researchers at cippse@iu.edu. For questions about your rights as a research participant, to discuss problems, complaints, or concerns about a research study, or to obtain information or to offer input, please contact the IU Human Research Protection Program office at 800-696-2949 or at irb@iu.edu.

If you decide that you *do not* want to participate in this study, you can turn in a blank questionnaire. We do hope that you will decide to be part of our project. If you would like to participate, you may do so by completing the provided survey.