

**University of California, Irvine
Study Information Sheet**

IMPROVE Teaching, Motivational Beliefs, and Emotion in Higher Education

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- As a student of this course, you are being asked to take part in the research study 'Improve' at the University of California, Irvine. Our goal is to describe the experiences of students and instructors in online classrooms at UCI. Therefore, we have access to your coursework on the courses' canvas page and we will join into 1-3 classes during the quarter.
- All students enrolled in this course are automatically enrolled in the study. If you choose to be in the study, you only need to participate in the course. You don't have to complete a survey. You may refuse to participate or discontinue your involvement at any time without penalty. You are free to withdraw from this study at any time before final grades are distributed. If you would prefer that your data not be used in our analysis, please contact Dr. Charlott Rubach by email and say you would prefer to not participate. Opting out will not affect your grade. You have the option to opt out any time before the end of the quarter without penalty. Use your UCI email and provide your name and the course code you are enrolled in, and say "I would like my classroom and survey data from course code _____ to be removed from the research project."
- If you do not want to be part of the study, you need to contact Dr. Charlott Rubach by email.
- By participating in this study, you authorize us to obtain and analyze your coursework. **It is important for you to know that we are not interested in individual students' coursework, answers, and participation rates; we are not monitoring your performance per se.** Instead, we are interested in the overall design of the course. Thus, we will keep your answers confidential and will not share your personal information with anyone outside the research team.
- Your instructor will not know if you declined to participate in this study until after grades are posted.
- The study is anonymous, and no one will be able to link your coursework or any of the information we send back to you. Your data will only be presented in aggregate, averaged in with all other students in your course. Data shared with other researchers will have all your identifiers removed first.
- There are no direct benefits from participation in the study for you. But the information we gather will be very helpful to future instructors as they design this course for future students. It will also help researchers to better understand the link between students' experiences in college courses and their academic engagement and performance.

- All research data collected will be stored securely and confidentially on researcher computers and in locked file cabinets. Data may be kept indefinitely.
- If you have any comments, concerns, or questions regarding the conduct of this research, please contact Dr. Charlott Rubach by email.
- If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant, you can contact the UCI Institutional Review Board by phone, (949) 824-6662, by email at IRB@research.uci.edu or at 141 Innovation, Suite 250, Irvine, CA 92697.