

February 21, 2006

Hi,

We are conducting a series of interviews for this semester's Research Methods (IAT 642) class, which is part of the Interaction Design and Information Architecture Masters program. The goal of the interviews has two parts, 1) to gather usability data for the Langsdale Library website (<http://langsdale.ubalt.edu/>), and 2) to help us learn how to be effective researchers. This academic research will be used solely for these purposes. We are volunteers, and the academic department for which we are conducting this research will receive no money for this project.

The interview will take a total of about an hour. About a half an hour of that will focus closely on your experience using the website. The rest of the time (before and after) will be taken up by a series of questions and answers that will help us to understand how you use the web site, and how well it is working for you.

The interview will be conducted verbally, and a video recording will be made of the whole process.

Before we get started we need to make a few things clear:

1. Participation in this study is voluntary and can be ended at any time
2. The video data will not be part of what is passed back to the library; it is only going to be used to help us to form written usability data to be passed back to the library, which will include a photograph
3. Your anonymity will be respected; all references to you in the usability study returned to the library will be in the form of your first name, and will make minimal use of identifying information such as your job title, responsibilities, etc.
4. You will be rewarded with a "gift of thanks" from the researchers; we are very grateful for your help

By signing below, we are all indicating that we have read and understand this consent form.

Thank you!

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Interviewee

Date

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Researcher (observer/technical)  
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