**UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA**

**CONSENT FORM**

**Has active learning improved students' academic success?**

**Your RQ(s)**

**Researcher’s Statement**

I am asking you to take part in a research study. Before you decide to participate in this study, it is important that you understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. This form is designed to give you the information about the study so you can decide whether to be in the study or not. Please take the time to read the following information carefully. Please ask the researcher if there is anything that is not clear or if you need more information. When all your questions have been answered, you can decide if you want to be in the study or not. This process is called “informed consent.” A copy of this form will be given to you.

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Center for Teaching and Learning

**Principal Researcher:** YOUR NAME

DEPARTMENT/AFFILIATION

EMAIL

**Purpose of the Study**

The purpose of this study is to PURPOSE *(e.g., determine the impact of OER, active learning and guest speakers on student learning and their perception of the value of the course for their future careers)*.

**Study Procedures**

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to allow me, PRINCIPAL RESEARCHER, to use your DATA COLLECTION MEASURES in this study. I will not include your name, your sex, your age, or any identifiable information about you when analyzing and presenting results from this study.

**Risks and Discomforts**

I will not collect any identifiable information that could pose a risk. Your instructor will not have access to [*choose one*:]signed consent forms until after final grades are submitted or the identity of individuals who have signed consent forms, and collected artifacts will be de-identified before storing them for use in this research project. The following parts of your educational record (coursework) will be used in this study if you consent to participate: LIST ANY ITEMS LIKE COURSEWORK AND GRADES. Only NAMES/ROLES OF INDIVIDUALS will have access to these materials prior to their de-identification.

**Benefits**

Students will potentially benefit academically from the teaching strategies.

**Privacy/Confidentiality**

No identifiable information will be [*choose one:]* collected or stored with research materials.

**Online Data Collection and Analysis**

Information for this research study will be collected via LIST METHODS (*e.g., UGA's learning management system (eLC), a UGA Qualtrics account, etc.*). These items will be kept secure and private within the limits afforded by UGA's data security protocols. [*Include if relevant:*] The following AI tools will be used to support data analysis: LIST METHODS (*e.g., UGA’s instance of Microsoft Copilot, Otter.ai, etc*.). All data will be de-identified before being submitted to those AI tools.

**Taking part is voluntary**

This study investigates GOALS OF STUDY (*e.g., the effectiveness of OERs, guest speakers, and active learning activities in a Real Estate Law course*). Participation is entirely voluntary. You may also withdraw from this study at any time. Your grades will not be affected.

**If you have questions**

The main researcher conducting this study is PRINCIPAL RESEARCHER, a POSITION (*e.g., Lecturer in the Legal Studies Program*) at the University of Georgia. Please ask any questions you have now. If you have questions later, you may contact me, PRINCIPAL RESEARCHER at EMAIL or at PHONE. You may also contact Jennifer Eimers at [jennifer.eimers@uga.edu](mailto:jennifer.eimers@uga.edu) or 706.542.0536. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your rights as a research participant in this study, you may contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB) Chairperson at 706.542.3199 or irb@uga.edu.

**Research Subject’s Consent to Participate in Research:**

To voluntarily agree to take part in this study, you must sign on the line below. Your signature below indicates that you have read or had read to you this entire consent form and have had all of your questions answered.

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Name of Researcher Signature Date

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Name of Participant Signature Date

Please sign both copies, keep one and return one to the researcher.