

Appendices

Informed Consent Document

Dear Participant,

My name is Luyanda Mnyayi (220037768). I am a Honours candidate studying at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Howard College Campus. The title of my research is: “Examining how digital tools influence learning and access to University services for first-year students at University of KwaZulu-Natal, Howard College”. The aim of the study is to investigate the impacts of digital tools on learning and accessing university services among first-year Humanities students at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) Howard College. Specifically, the study seeks to examine how digital tools influence student engagement, collaboration, and access to educational resources. I am interested in interviewing you so as to share your experiences and observations on the subject matter.

Please note that:

- The information that you provide will be used for scholarly research only.
- Your participation is entirely voluntary. You have a choice to participate, not to participate or stop participating in the research. You will not be penalized for taking such an action.
- Your views in this interview will be presented anonymously. Neither your name nor identity will be disclosed in any form in the study.
- The interview will take about (*how long?*).
- The record as well as other items associated with the interview will be held in a password-protected file accessible only to myself and my supervisors. After a period of 5 years, in line with the rules of the university, it will be disposed by shredding and burning.
- If you agree to participate please sign the declaration attached to this statement (a separate sheet will be provided for signatures)

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The Humanities and Social Sciences Research Ethics Committee contact details are as follows: HSSREC Research Office, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Research Office, Email: hssrec@ukzn.ac.za Phone number: 031 260 8350/4557/3587

Thank you for your contribution to this research.

DECLARATION

I..... (*full names of participant*) hereby confirm that I understand the contents of this document and the nature of the research project, and I consent to participating in the research project.

I understand that I am at liberty to withdraw from the project at any time, should I so desire. I understand the intention of the research. I hereby agree to participate.

I consent / do not consent to have this interview recorded (if applicable)

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT

DATE

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