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Hello,

Thank you for your participation in the Survey of Attitudes Toward Statistics (SATS) project. If you are interested in participating in the next term/semester, please fill out the survey to request to administer the SATS. The link is given below. Please do NOT use past request links.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=h696QwoWwOa_2b6oCeR8kW6A_3d_3d

If you know of an instructor who is interested in administering the SATS, please feel free to share the request link with him/her.

Sincerely,

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Participation in on-line SATS data collection

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If you want to collect attitude data as part of your own course and teaching evaluations, you usually do not need approval from your Human Subjects' Review Board/Institutional Review Board (HSRB). If you also want to allow the data to be used for research (as is the case here), then you do need HSRB approval.

It is our experience that students are much more willing to participate if they know that you will use their attitude responses as part of your own course/teaching evaluations and if you give them a small amount of extra credit for participating. Both of these aspects indicate to students that you believe their attitudes are important and should be considered statistics course instructors.

The rest of this document outlines the process involved in participating in our on-line SATS data collection:

- Obtain permission from your Human Subjects' Review Board to participate
 - You can cut and paste from our generic HSRB document. We'll assist you as well as we can.
 - In the generic HSRB document, there are two web addresses that allow your HSRB members (and you) to look at the on-line Pre-test version of the SATS.
 - You should mention that you plan to use your students' responses for course/teaching evaluation in your document, if you plan to do so.
- Fill out an instructor request survey; we will send you the web address for the survey. Your responses to this survey help us manage the data collection. It will ask for information such as:
 - Name of course, number of sections.
 - Desired date ranges for your students to take the Pre- and Post-tests.
 - Your special needs (e.g., names of students who, at a minimum, fill out the "name" page in the survey so that you can give them extra credit).
- Give students the web addresses and the dates for completing the SATS on-line. We will give you a potential script to help you encourage their participation. You should go to each participating section, even if you aren't teaching it, to introduce the project to those students.
- Near the end of the semester, fill out a short instructor survey (once a year).
- Near the end of the semester, fill out a short course survey for each course.
- Report students' grades in a file that you will receive from us.
- After we receive all of your information, you will receive:
 - An Excel file (without student names, unless your ISRB allows you to see their names) that contains each students' original responses to all items on the SATS Pre- and Post-test surveys as well as that students' 6 attitudinal component scores.
 - A PDF file of the items contained in the Pre- and Post-test SATS.
 - The most current file of "Issues in SATS research."