**EXAMPLE of online survey text (adapt as appropriate to methods and population being studied):**

**[Title of Study]**

This survey is being conducted by Dr. Sam Smith, Associate Professor of Biology at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).   
  
The purpose of this study is to examine attitudes toward social networking sites such as Facebook, MySpace, etc..  
  
This survey should take about 5-10 minutes to complete.  
  
Participation in this research is completely voluntary. Choosing not to participate will not adversely affect your grade or standing in the class. If there are any individual questions that you would prefer to skip, simply leave the answer blank.   
  
You must be at least 18 years old to participate. If you are not 18 or older, please do not complete the survey.   
  
All survey responses that we receive will be treated confidentially and stored on a secure server. However, given that the surveys can be completed from any computer (e.g., personal, work, school), we are unable to guarantee the security of the computer on which you choose to enter your responses. As a participant in our study, we want you to be aware that certain technologies exist that can be used to monitor or record data that you enter and/or websites that you visit.  
  
Any individually identifiable responses will be securely stored and will only be available to those directly involved in this study. De-identified data may be shared with other researchers in the future, but will not contain information about your individual identity.

This research has been reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board for Human Subjects Protection (IRB). If you have any questions about your rights as a participant, or if you feel that your rights as a participant were not adequately met by the researcher, please contact the IRB at (956) 665-2889 or [irb@utrgv.edu](mailto:irb@utrgv.edu).