Recruitment Script: Student Understating of the Purpose of Education Study

My name is William Cooney, and I am a doctoral student in the Department of Communication Studies. I am conducting research on student perspectives on higher education’s purpose and how classes help and/or hinder the fulfillment of that purpose.

In order to participate in this study you must meet the following criteria: 1) You must be at least 19 years-old, and 2) you must indicate that you are a junior or senior enrolled full or part time at The University of Nebraska—Lincoln.

If you agree to participate you will be asked to email me to set up a time and place to be interviewed. Interviews will be audio recorded, and I will ask you to answer a number of open-ended questions related to your experience as a UNL student. All responses to these interview questions will be kept confidential and at no time will your identity be revealed in the analysis or reporting of research results.

Participation in this study will require approximately one hour of your time. Your participation is completely voluntary. At any time throughout the interview you may choose not to answer any question(s) and you are free to leave at any time for any reason. If your instructor agrees, you will receive extra credit in his/her course for participating in this study. I will inform your instructor that you participated in a research study, but the nature and topic of the study will not be revealed. If you do not wish to participate in this study but still wish to receive extra credit, your instructor will make a separate but equal assignment available to you.

If you are interested, please contact me at William.cooney@huskers.unl.edu.

Thanks for your consideration of involvement in this study.

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