

Consent for Disclosure of Education Record Course Blog and Social Media Participation

Student Name: _____
[please print]

Course Subject/Number: _____ Term/Year: _____

Instructor Name: _____

I understand that this Cornell University course requires participation in a course blog (website), social media, or other publicly accessible communication tools. The purpose is to provide students with opportunities to:

- Share learning, reflection, and expertise with fellow students, with the university community, and with the general public
- Learn practices of information management and responsible digital citizenship, using common web publishing and social media tools
- Develop a body of work that can be added to a professional electronic portfolio

I understand that my enrollment in this class and my contributions to the course blog, social media, or other publicly accessible communication tools constitute education records that are protected from disclosure to third parties by Cornell policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

I understand my right to keep my course-related posts and comments private using the following methods. (Check all that you may use.)

1. I will use an alias (nickname) that is shared only with my instructor(s). My contributions will be visible to readers, but my identity will remain private.
2. I will password-protect my contributions and share access only with my instructor(s). I will use the software to participate, but my contributions to the blog or social media, etc. and my identity will remain private.
3. I will prepare my posts and comments offline and turning them in to my instructor(s) without posting to the class blog, social media, or other publicly accessible communication tools. My contributions and my identity will remain private.
4. I will contribute some or all of my contributions openly to the course blog, social media, or other publicly accessible communication tools without using an alias. If I choose this option, I understand that by contributing openly, I agree to release my course-related posts and the fact that I am registered in this class to others in the university community and to the general public as long as the material is accessible on the web. The purpose of releasing this information is for the educational opportunities listed above.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

netID: _____

. If you have additional questions or concerns about the privacy of your course-related activities, contact your instructor(s).

This consent form is to be retained by the instructor for the duration that the postings appear on the internet.