Consent for Disclosure of Education Record
Course Use of Blogs and Social Media Participation

Student name: __________________________________________________________ [please print]

Course subject/number: ___________________ Term/year: _______________

Instructor name: _________________________________________________________

This Oregon State University course requires participation in a course blog (website), social media, or other publicly accessible communication tool(s).

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 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:

☐ 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.
☐ 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, social media, or other electronic communication tool(s) and my identity will remain private.
☐ I will prepare my posts and comments offline and turn them in to my instructor(s) without posting to the class blog, social media, or other publicly accessible communication tool(s). My contributions and my identity will remain private.
☐ I will contribute my contributions openly to the course blog, social media, or other publicly accessible communication tool(s) without using an alias. In choosing 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. *Note that you may revoke this at any point, even following your enrollment in the course.**

Student Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ____________

Student name (print): ___________________________________________ OSU ID: ____________

If you have additional questions or concerns about the privacy of your course-related activities, or would like to revoke your permissions stated above, please contact your instructor or the department head.

Questions about FERPA or students’ rights to privacy may be directed to the Office of the Registrar (541-737-4331 or registrars@oregonstate.edu). This consent form is to be retained by the instructor for the duration that the postings appear publicly on the Internet.