

## In search for participants in a 2 hours online course on Web usability issues

As a PhD student of CELSTEC (Centre for Learning Sciences and Technologies, Open University of the Netherlands), I am working on the topic of structural improvements of online courses. For my first experiment I focus on attention during learning. As a test person, you will be asked to study – reading textual resources, achieving the best possible mastery of the content, answering a final test, thinking about your learning processes – in an online course of about 2 hours and delivered in English. The course will be accessible via the Web from January (see the detailed schedule in the table below).

Should you decide to take part, you will:

- learn about 5 fundamental principles of Web usability. Web usability is a quality attribute that expresses how easy Websites can be used. If you are advanced in that field, you'd better not go for this experiment, though refreshing and confronting your current knowledge to the content of the course could be valuable;
- learn about your learning processes and profiles since you will receive your personal results for the psychological questionnaires used in the survey as long with the needed documents to interpret them;
- receive a special diploma attesting your successful participation in this course;
- receive the full report of the experiment.

The following table shows you the process in a snapshot.

<b>From December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 till January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010</b>	You drop me an e-mail if you are interested to take part in the study.
	As soon as I get your e-mail, I send you the link to the pre-questionnaire intended to establish some personal characteristics and preferences.
	You fill in the pre-questionnaire. You will need <b>15 minutes</b> for the mandatory part and 10 minutes for the voluntary part if you decide to take it.
<b>January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 till February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010</b>	I send you an invitation to the Moodle course "5 Web usability principles".
	You cover the course ( <b>2 hours</b> ), you take the final test ( <b>20 minutes</b> ). You fill in the post-questionnaire ( <b>20 minutes</b> ).
<b>March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 till March 15<sup>th</sup> 2010</b>	I send you an invitation for the last questionnaire linked to the course and you complete it in <b>10 minutes</b> .
<b>April 2010</b>	You receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a course certificate attesting your successful participation in this course;</li> <li>- your personal results to the psychological questionnaires embedded in the study and the documents needed to interpret your results.</li> </ul>
<b>July 2010</b>	You receive the full report of the study.

Please note that Internet Explorer cannot be used to cover the Moodle course. Other browsers must be used, with preference for Firefox or Google Chrome. With regard to the pre- and post-questionnaire, Internet Explorer is fine.

**You want to participate? Great! Please, drop an e-mail to [sergentvitamine@gmail.com](mailto:sergentvitamine@gmail.com)**

Many thanks.

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