



# Class Projects or Activities Involving Human Subjects Guidelines

## Introductions

Learning how to conduct ethical research is a vital part of a student's educational experience, especially when human subjects are involved. The Institutional Review Board (IRB) at Jacksonville University recognizes that obtaining such knowledge and skills through hands-on research applications, i.e., class activities or student

prior to subject recruitment and data collection. **The class project/activity does not apply to courses labeled (a) directed independent study, (b) supervised research, (c) theses, (d) masters theses, or (e) dissertations.** Projects assigned in these courses will be classified as "research" involving human subjects as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations (45 CFR 46). For these types of projects, please contact the Office of Research Programs (ORSP).

To facilitate the expeditious review of class activities/projects, the IRB has approved procedures to help you determine if the proposed class project or activity requires IRB oversight or not. Based on the type of project, you may choose one of the following



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## **Option 3. Class projects or activities that requires a standard IRB protocol submission.**

Any class project or activity involving human subjects that does not meet the criteria outlined for options 1 or 2 will require a standard IRB protocol submission. Student research projects may include projects associated with courses such as (a) directed independent study, (b) supervised research, (c) honors theses, (d) masters theses, or (e) dissertations and involve collecting data from human participants (as defined in 45 CFR 46). These forms of student research are subject to oversight and review by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and the Institutional Review Board, and all required documentation should be submitted well before a student research project is scheduled to begin. The IRB review timelines are posted online. If you choose Option 3, please contact the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP).

