

Goshen College IRB – Checklist for Student Research Using Human Subjects

Classroom activities that are solely for instructional use generally do not have to come before the IRB. However, the burden of responsibility lies with the instructor to consult with the IRB Chair to determine whether classroom activities and/or course assignments fall under IRB regulation. While IRB review may not be necessary for all classroom research projects, the IRB encourages the student researcher and the instructor to discuss the ethical treatment of human subjects and to engage in conversations that consider Federal guidelines (available at the web site of the Department of Health and Human Services, online at <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/humansubjects/guidance/45cfr46.htm>).

Student Name: _____

Project Title: _____

Faculty Sponsor: _____

Course (if a course assignment) and Department: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Does the project involve physically or psychologically invasive, intrusive, or stressful procedures? (Ex. Deceptive procedures or manipulative procedures, or changes in the subject’s environment that may cause more than “minimal risk” – see below.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Is there any potential of greater than minimal risk to the subjects from engaging in the research project? (Note: “minimal risk” means a risk that is “greater than that ordinarily encountered in daily life or during the performance of routine physical or psychological tests.”) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Does the research involve or target any vulnerable populations? According to Federal Policy, these include children (other than observation in an educational setting), pregnant women, human fetuses and neonates, and prisoners (any detained population). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Is there any potential funding (grants, awards, etc.) for the project? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Is there any potential that the project will be presented outside of the Goshen College community? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Is there any potential that the project will be published outside the Goshen College community? |

I hereby certify that my project has been reviewed by my instructor and found not to need IRB approval (*all questions above checked no*). I understand that I will not be able to publish or present this research outside of the Goshen College community.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I hereby certify that I have reviewed this project and found that it qualifies as Student Research as noted above and does not need IRB approval. I understand that this student will not be able to publish or present this research outside of the Goshen College community.

Faculty Signature _____ Date _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Is this an assignment for an advanced research class? We recommend that efforts involving human subjects in advanced research coursework be reviewed following regular Goshen College IRB procedures (to permit possible publication and/or presentation off campus and to prepare the student for additional research training). |
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IRB Reviewer _____ Date _____

Approved by the Goshen College IRB: 12/14/09