

Research Ethics Decision Making Process

Course-Based Student Research

Is it minimal risk? (see ethics checklist)	Category	Description	Action Required
No			Full UFV REB review
Yes	Professional Education & Skill Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primarily for professional education and/or skill development • Instructor guided 	No action required. Proceed according to accepted standards of professional conduct
Yes	1. Research Course Full Course Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primarily for conducting research or experimenting with method and/or subject pool • Instructor driven • Whole course • Uniformity of projects 	Full UFV REB review. Request for designation of course as a REB Approved Course for three (3) year term
Yes	2. Research Course Assignment Only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual student research projects within a course • Directed studies 	DREC review for individual projects. DREC recommendations go to REB Chair for final approval.
Yes	3. Non-Research Course with Research Assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research assignment 	

See *Guidelines for Course-based Student Research Projects* for more information

Faculty / Graduate Student / Institutional Research *

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No			Full UFV REB review
Yes			Expedited Review by REB Chair and Vice-Chair

* *Research conducted by students for faculty is considered faculty research and must follow the procedures for faculty as per UFV REB Policy 21010, D1.1d.*

REB – Research Ethics Board

DREC – Departmental Research Ethics Committee

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