**Research as Class Requirements**

**Dissertations and Thesis**

All projects involving human subjects that are completed for a dissertation or thesis must undergo IRB review and approval before initiation

**Capstone Projects**

A capstone project may require IRB review and approval under certain circumstances. If the project will be published in the library (similar to a thesis), or presented at a public forum, such as a poster or presentation at a conference, then it will likely require IRB review and approval before initiation.

**Class Project**

Activities involving human subjects conducted for instructional purposes as a requirement for an OSU CHS class usually do not fall within the definition of research and would not require IRB review.

However, exceptions do occur and if any of the following criteria are met, the project must be reviewed by the IRB:

* The results will be generalizable
* The project will be conducted with a special population (children, prisoners, decisionally impaired)
* The project will be conducted in a prison, nursing home, hospital or school
* The project includes collection of sensitive information such as:
  + Sexual attitudes, preferences or practices
  + Alcohol or drug use or other illegal conduct
  + Depression/suicide
* The project includes audio or videotaping
* Participants will be directly identifiable

The IRB encourages all faculty who plan to include research with human subjects in their curriculum to contact the IRB office in order to verify review guidelines and ensure efficient review, if necessary.

Any questions regarding the need for review can be directed to the Research Office at 918-561-1400.