

Classroom Research Project Checklist

This document is intended to assist UTEP instructors in assessing whether classroom research projects may be excluded from review and approval by the UTEP Institutional Review Board (IRB). All items below must be satisfied for classroom projects to proceed outside of IRB review. For questions relating to such projects, we encourage instructors to contact IRB Staff at irb.orsp@utep.edu.

- The research project is to be performed by students enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate course at UTEP as a requirement for completion of the course.
- The overriding and primary purpose the project is as a learning experience in the methods and procedures of research.
- The instructor is fully aware of all aspects of the research project and will take responsibility for overseeing the project and assuring that ethical principles are adhered to in the conduct of those activities.
- There is no intent on the part of the instructor or student to produce generalizable knowledge or to disseminate the findings beyond presentation to instructors or peers in a UTEP classroom setting.
- The project involves **minimal risk** to subjects (i.e., when "the risks of harm anticipated in the proposed research are not greater considering probability and magnitude, than those ordinarily encountered in daily life or during the performance of routine physical or psychological examinations or tests").
- The project does not involve **sensitive topics** or **confidential information** that could place a participant at risk if disclosed.
- The project does not involve persons from **vulnerable populations** as participants.
- The project involves the **voluntary participation** of individuals without any coercion or pressure being placed upon them. The instructor/students have considered whether a consent document should be provided to participants.