Does the activity you plan to conduct meet the IRB definition of “research”?

Do you plan to conduct a “systematic” investigation that is designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge?

Yes

This activity is considered research according to UNCW IRB policy.

Please refer to the UNCW Human Subjects Decision Chart to determine if human subjects are involved.

No

Is the activity a classroom assignment that will be conducted as a learning experience and/or solely to fulfill a course requirement?

No

Does this project meet the criteria for a systematic investigation but the results will not be generalizable? (It will only be used for internal decision-making (such as QA/QI or program evaluation?)

Yes

Please review the UNCW QI/QA and Program Evaluation Decision Chart to determine IRB review requirements, and refer to UNCW IRB SOP #1.1 for additional information on and requirements for activities that do not meet the IRB definition of research.

No

It is unclear what kind of activity you have planned. Please refer to UNCW IRB SOP #1.1 for additional information on and requirements for activities that do not meet the IRB definition of research. Please contact the IRB at IRB@uncw.edu if you need further guidance.

Yes

This activity likely does not meet the IRB definition of research. The course instructor or student is encouraged to complete a brief application in the UNCW IRBIS system to notify the IRB of the activity. The project must be overseen by a faculty advisor and conducted in a professional and ethical manner. Please refer to UNCW IRB SOP #1.1 for additional information on and requirements for activities that do not meet the IRB definition of “research.”

We invite you to visit the IRB website at: https://uncw.edu/sparc/integrity/irb.html to access the UNCW IRBIS application system, IRB policies and SOPs, and additional resources. Questions? Contact the IRB at IRB@uncw.edu.