

Human subjects research

If you test human subjects for your design project, you must read the rules at

<http://my.gradsch.wisc.edu/hrpp/10021.htm>

“Student projects conducted within an academic course may be categorized as either a course assignment or disseminated research. Disseminated research includes data that are formally presented to any audience beyond the course (e.g. poster, oral or written paper, seminar). Disseminated research must be reviewed by an IRB.”

Because you will present your data on your poster or in a written paper such as your posted end of semester final report, you are performing “disseminated research.” Thus you must prepare documents for your advisor or client to submit to the IRB right away. It may take months for approval and you cannot use any data taken before IRB approval in your poster or final report.

UW-Madison requires that all “personnel engaged in human subjects research” who are listed on a protocol submitted to a UW-Madison IRB must complete human subjects protection training before the protocol can be approved. On-line training is at <https://my.gradsch.wisc.edu/citi/index.php> . You can check completion of training at <https://my.gradsch.wisc.edu/lookups/citi/trainingStatus.html> .