**Occidental College**

**Human Subjects Research Review Committee Institutional Review Board (HSRRC IRB)**

**Classroom Activities and Independent Student Projects**

**Introduction**

Occidental College applies federal regulations based on Title 45 part 46, known as the Common Rule, to all research involving human subjects. In general, classroom activities represent a learning exercise in research methods. Since course requirements involving human subjects is not research (they do not have the goal of contributing to generalizable knowledge) they are not subject to review by the HSRRC IRB.

Nevertheless, classroom assignments should be conducted in accordance with all disciplinary ethical and academic standards. Classroom instructors are responsible for ensuring the ethical conduct of the projects they assign to their students, such as voluntary consent to participation and respect for the privacy of participants.

By signing this form the faculty advisor is verifying that student projects in your class do not need IRB review as stated in question 3 of the “Guidelines for the HSRRC Process” posted on the Occidental College IRB web page.

**This form and a list of the students who have been cleared by you to be excused from the IRB process** must be submitted to the HSRRC IRB by the end of the third week of classes, before any classroom research activity may begin. Please send a signed/scanned form and student class list to [hsrrc@oxy.edu](mailto:hsrrc@oxy.edu).

Course number and Title:

Semester:

Date of submission of this form:

Faculty/Instructor name & signature

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