

Contact the Human and Animal Research Protections Office at 5-2737 or HARPO@umbc.edu with questions of clarification. **Remember, the IRB has the final say in the level of review and what research must be reviewed.**

Some examples projects include, but are not limited to:	Exempt	Expedited	Full Board	No IRB review
Assessment of classroom management strategies used in Special Ed classrooms	√ (46.101(b)1)			
Action research, a form of research that contributes to the practical concerns of people and furthers the goals of a discipline (education, social sciences, etc.)	√ (46.101(b)1)			
Activities with no hypothesis-driven methodologies and no research protocol				√
Course-related activities designed specifically for educational or teaching purposes, where data is collected from human participants as part of a class exercise or assignment. The individual data that will be collected and the project product must not be disseminated outside the institution.				√
Analyzing census data about aging or housing	√ (46.101(b)4)			
Continuations and/or modification of proposals initially approved under the expedited or Full Board Review process		√ Category 8 or 9		
Collection of data through noninvasive procedures (not involving general anesthesia or sedation) routinely employed in clinical practice, excluding procedures involving x-rays or microwaves,		√ Category 4		

Some examples projects include, but are not limited to:	Exempt	Expedited	Full Board	No IRB review
Research where disclosure of the participant's identity might result in negative legal, financial, economic or social consequences)		√ Category 6 or 7		
Collection of blood samples by finger stick, heel stick, ear stick, or venipuncture from healthy, nonpregnant adults who weigh at least 110 pounds. For these subjects, the amounts drawn may not exceed 550 ml in an 8 week period and collection may not occur more frequently than 2 times per week		√ Category 2		
Research that involves combining de identified data sets in a way that may make some data individually identifiable.		√ Category 5	√	
Privately available AND coded data when the investigator and data provider have not established a formal agreement prohibiting the release of identifiers		√ Category 5	√	
Data that comes from sources that are publicly available or the information is recorded by the investigator in such a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects.	√ (46.101(b)4)			
Studies involving moderate exercise by healthy volunteers		√ Category 4		
Interviews or surveys on sensitive topics where the subject can be identified		√ Category 7		
Literature review addresses previous research in a field and supports the researcher's purpose or research question				√
Linguistic and ethnographic studies, or studies involving focus groups		√ Category 7		
Longitudinal or repeated-measures studies observational studies		√ Category 7		

Some examples projects include, but are not limited to:	Exempt	Expedited	Full Board	No IRB review
Almost all research involving minors (except educational assessment studies and some secondary uses of nonmedical, preexisting records)		√ Category 7		
Observing adult and child interactions at a sports game	√ (46.101(b)1)			
Observation and participant observation (can include the observation of minors if it is public behavior and the investigator(s) does not participate in the activities being observed)	√ (46.101(b)2)			
Prospective collection of biological specimens for research purposes by noninvasive means. Examples include hair and nail clippings in a nondisfiguring manner; deciduous teeth at time of exfoliation or if routine patient care indicates a need for extraction; permanent teeth if routine patient care indicates a need for extraction; and excreta and external secretions (including sweat).		√ Category 3		
Studies of existing data or pathological specimens that include identifying information		√ Category 5		
Analyses of data collected via recordings		√ Category 5		
Research that might put participants at risk, such as research on domestic violence or illegal drug use			√	
Research using sensitive information (e.g., information that reasonable persons would not want disclosed) that is identifiable is not exempt, even when it is publicly available.		√ Category 7	√	
Research studies on human subjects that involve greater than minimal risk and do not fit any of the categories of exempt or expedited research			√	

Some examples projects include, but are not limited to:	Exempt	Expedited	Full Board	No IRB review
Secondary analysis of existing data if the data sources are publicly available, or if data is reported in the aggregate.	√ (46.101(b)4)			
Surveys or interviews of non-vulnerable adults about non-sensitive topics	√ (46.101(b)2)			
Survey or interview research with children		√ Category 7		
Research on sensitive topics with vulnerable populations			√	
Polling students on usage of the Commons during finals week	√ (46.101(b)2)			
Surveys administered to town mayors that contains questions that might expose information which the public might not support	√ (46.101(b)3)			
Surveys issued or completed by University personnel for the intent and purposes of improving services and programs of the University or for developing new services or programs for students, employees, or alumni, as long as the privacy of the participants is protected, the confidentiality of individual responses is maintained, and survey participation is voluntary.				√
Research on two different teaching strategies	√ (46.101(b)1)			
Testing or comparing a curriculum or lesson	√ (46.101(b)1)			
Taste-test conducted on different types of grapefruit to determine consumers preference	√ (46.101(b)6)			
Studies involve the possibility of a moral wrong		√ Category 7		