

Appendix I

Research activities that are **exempt** from human ethics review and research activities that **require** Ethics Review

Viable, scholarly research conducted at universities takes many forms. Research encompasses different types of activities. The research activity will determine whether a human research ethics review is required or not.

| Research activities exempt from human ethics review (examples include, not limited to) | Research activities requiring human ethics review & approval (examples include, not limited to) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Literature review (published academic articles)</i> • <i>Meta-analysis of published research</i> • <i>Writing a curriculum</i> • <i>Policy analysis, policy report</i> • <i>Writing a training manual using published information</i> • <i>Researching a public figure (e.g. artist, politician, activist) using public documents, published materials</i> • <i>Documenting a community issue using only public documents, information</i> • <i>Observations in public venues</i> • <i>Viewing movies, works of art, listening to radio broadcasts, podcasts</i> <p><i>*Online posts from websites, online groups that DO NOT require a log-in, membership etc. are considered publicly accessible with no reasonable expectation of privacy.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Surveys, questionnaires (in-person, online, web)</i> • <i>Interviews (in-person, Skype, phone)</i> • <i>Group discussions/focus groups</i> • <i>Observations in non-public venues (permission for access required e.g., classrooms, meetings)</i> • <i>Autobiographical and auto-ethnographic studies, self-reflective studies</i> • <i>Audio-taping people in the above</i> • <i>Video-taping people in the above</i> • <i>Taking notes of people in the above</i> • <i>Engagement with people and their information via Face-book, social media</i> • <i>Using EEGs, MRI, devices and apps on people</i> • <i>Using protected databases and data where you must apply for access/permission from hospitals, institutions, companies</i> • <i>Using protected or confidential reports and information where you must apply for access/permission from organizations, companies.</i> • <i>Biological materials you collect or receive from other researchers such as cells, blood, urine, sweat.</i> <p><i>Online posts from sites and groups that DO require a log-in, membership etc. are not considered publicly accessible because there is reasonable expectation of privacy by people in those groups and these sites.</i></p> |