University of Michigan-Flint
Recommendations for Faculty
When Classroom Activities Involve Human Participants

The University Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) Memo on Classroom Activities provides excellent guidance to faculty. This companion document is intended to offer some specifics to assist faculty in reducing risk when individuals outside the classroom are participants.

Strongly recommended actions for faculty:

1. Instruct students in the course to complete PEERRS training in Human Subjects Protection (Socio-Behavioral Module or Biomedical Module). [http://my.research.umich.edu/peerrs/](http://my.research.umich.edu/peerrs/)

2. Instruct students to seek informed consent of participants. Templates are available for informed consent on the human subjects website: [http://www.umflint.edu/humansubjects/sample_templates.htm](http://www.umflint.edu/humansubjects/sample_templates.htm). When a class project involves interaction with vulnerable populations (i.e. young children, prisoners, pregnant women, etc.), seek advice from the University of Michigan-Flint IRB.

Suggested actions for faculty:

3. Explore a few scenarios that describe the type of activity that might put a participant at risk, and how a student could modify/revise to reduce risk as a part of the instructions for the design of the class project.

4. Encourage students to employ critical thinking about the possible risks to participants associated with their projects.

5. When a class project involves significant physical exertion by the study participant, a physician’s release for physical activity is advised.

6. When photos are taken, videos or audio recordings are made, include a media release in the consent form.

Consult the University of Michigan-Flint IRB (810-762-3384) if there are any concerns about risk to the participants or any intent to disseminate the results (poster presentations outside the classroom, presentations at MOM or Undergraduate Research Day and/or other conference, or publication).