

Course-Based Research (Omnibus)

Students conducting research for course credit in a normally scheduled course (i.e., not for directed studies, thesis, dissertation credits) may have their IRB application reviewed by the course instructor if the instructor has Omnibus IRB Approval for the course. Omnibus IRB Approval for a scheduled course covers only **exempt-status** research projects conducted by students registered for the scheduled course. It is the instructor's responsibility to obtain the Omnibus IRB approval prior to the conduct of any research. Instructors of a normally scheduled course that has an existing Omnibus IRB approval may be added to the existing approval if they have completed the required CITI training. For information, contact Nicole Morse at nicole.morse@unco.edu.

If students wish to engage in research that falls under **expedited** review, the student, with the instructor acting as the research advisor, must submit an application to the IRB in accordance with the guidelines outlined in this document.

Instructors should notify students whose research is in the **expedited** category to put the word **OMNIBUS** at the beginning of the project title when submitting an application in Streamlyne. This will inform the IRB that it is a classroom project.

The instructor, by approving the student's research in Streamlyne, gives approval as first reviewer.

Requirements for Omnibus IRB Approval for a Scheduled Course

- Instructors supervising course-related, student research must be familiar with IRB policies and issues to ensure that research participants are treated ethically (e.g., risks are low, informed consent policy is followed, confidentiality is maintained).
- Instructors must complete the Human Research Course, Social-Behavioral-Educational Researchers, in the online CITI training program (<https://www.citiprogram.org/default.asp>) prior to supervising such projects; and they must document the training as part of the Omnibus IRB application process.
- Instructors will submit an exempt-status IRB protocol via Streamlyne (www.research.unco.streamlyne.org) for the course in which students will be conducting research. The Protocol Type should be listed as Omnibus - Professor. The types of research projects the students will be conducting should be mentioned within the Questionnaire of this IRB application.
- A copy of the course syllabus should be uploaded in the Notes & Attachments section of the Streamlyne IRB protocol.
- Instructors will ensure all students in the course have completed Human Subjects training online via CITI.
- Instructors should have students submit an exempt-status IRB application as part of the course requirements. The instructor will review these for IRB-related concerns.
- Instructors should keep a record of all exempt-status applications completed by students under their guidance.
- Instructors should send a list of student's names and project titles to the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs, attention Director of Research Compliance, at the end of the semester.

Omnibus IRB Approvals must be renewed every four years.