

## The Limestone University Institutional Review Board

IRBs are mandated to fulfill the requirements of the National Research Act of 1974. Regulations come from the US Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR 46). The document which guides IRBs may be accessed at

<https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=&SID=83cd09e1c0f5c6937cd9d7513160fc3f&pitd=20180719&n=pt45.1.46&r=PART&ty=HTML>

The IRB serves to support the research of Limestone University faculty and students. The policy is meant to serve the current needs of faculty and students. It may be modified as their needs change and programs expand.

## Research Ethics and Practice

The practical application of modern research with human subjects yields these common guidelines:

1. The research participant must be able to give **informed consent**, and has the right to **withdraw consent** during the course of the research (i.e., “I quit”) without consequence.
2. The research participant must be kept **free from harm**.
3. The research participant has the right to **confidentiality**. His or her participation must be kept **anonymous**.
4. At the conclusion of the study, the research participant has the right to **debriefing** as well as the right to ask questions about the study and his or her participation in that study.

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## Please Contact the IRB:

**IRB approval is necessary for conducting research using human subjects.**

Research that is for classroom use only (e.g., surveying the class or students collecting anonymous data for a class project) does **not** require IRB approval.

**Approval is necessary if** data is not anonymous, is controversial, or if the data is collected off campus or via e-surveys. Approval is necessary for faculty or staff using Limestone students as part of their data collection process for master's or doctoral work.

Please contact an IRB member if you have questions. More information may be found in the [Limestone University Institutional Review Board Policy Manual](#), which is located on Limestone's LC Portal under **Faculty**.



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