

Ethical and Legal Issues in Human Subjects Research

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Course Information:

Course Description:

This course introduces the ethical and regulatory aspects involved in human subjects research. You will gain understanding of the history that has shaped the rules that today govern research with human subjects, as well as be introduced to issues that researchers in the 21st Century face.

You will become familiar with U.S. regulations that govern human subjects research and the protection systems that are created as a part of those regulations. Issues related to research with a variety of vulnerable populations will also be discussed.

You will be expected to come prepared to explore and discuss the variety of issues researchers face when they hope to conduct human subjects research. You will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the key elements of informed consent documents, including statements required by United States regulations. You will also have the opportunity to discuss some of the critical issues surrounding human subjects research. Class activities related to the readings and CITI modules will permit you to gain an understanding of these topics while also completing the NSU required CITI program.