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West Coast Bible College & Seminary DOES NOT allow students to conduct any element of human research. Please see the WCBCS Human Research Policy on the course page for a full explanation. If you still have questions after having read the policy, please contact the WCBCS office for clarification.

WHAT IS HUMAN RESEARCH?

Human research uses human subjects. Human subject means a living individual about whom the investigator conducting research obtains (a) data through intervention or interaction with the individual or (b) identifiable private information.

Investigator is any faculty, staff, or student member of any WCBCS who engages in any research activity involving the use of human subjects.

Intervention includes both physical procedures by which data are gathered and manipulations of the subject or the subject's environment that are performed for research purposes.

Interaction includes communication or interpersonal contact between investigator and subject. The idea of interaction with a human being is perhaps key in determining whether or not the human being is a subject with respect to the regulations. All forms of interaction are included by the regulatory definitions. Among the most common types of research interaction are:

- Mailed or Internet questionnaires or surveys
- Personal interviews, structured or unstructured, with or without recognized instruments
- Personal (i.e. face-to-face) surveys
- Telephone interviews and surveys
- Classroom instruments, evaluations or exercises
- Examination of private records (e.g. medical, psychological, or school records)
- Observation of public behavior by identifiable individuals (e.g. in a classroom)
- Private information includes information about behavior that occurs in a context in which an individual can reasonably expect that no observation or recording is taking place, and information which has been provided for specific purposes by and individual and which the individual can reasonably expect will not be made public.