Directions for application to conduct human research at WWU

Walla Walla University actively supports scholarly research. A proposal for study that involves the use of human subjects must be reviewed and approved by the WWU Ethics in Research Committee (EIRC). The following instructions are intended to assist in this process.

1. Is your project being done as a part of a WWU research methods class? If YES, your instructor will review the suitability of the research for this university.

2. Is your project being done as a part of a laboratory require for a formal course? If YES, your instructor will review the suitability of the research for this campus.

3. Is your project designed to result in thesis, publishable paper or public presentation? If YES, you will need to obtain EIRC review and permission to conduct the research.
   a) Please fill out the electronic PDF application and email to

   Academic.Administration@wallawalla.edu

   b) To the application, please attach copies of
   • The research proposal
   • The survey instrument (when applicable)
   • The informed consent form

4. Faculty, off-campus research and students conducting independent research using human subjects will need EIRC review and permission before starting their research. They should review the flow chart on page two of these instructions before submitting an application.
Walla Walla University Ethics in Research Committee (EIRC)
Human Subject Research Flowchart

Will your activity directly or indirectly involve human subjects interaction with, or gathering data about individuals

YES

NO → NO EIRC review required.

Is this activity a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to contribute to generalizable knowledge?

YES

NO

Activity is not research*, however, EIRC review may be required. Does the activity intentionally include one or more of the following populations:

1) Subjects under 18 years of age
2) Prisoners
3) Substance abusers
4) Crime victims
5) HIV/AIDS patients
6) Institutionalized individuals
7) Terminally ill
8) Decisionally impaired
9) Subjects with comprehension difficulties--oral or written (e.g., language)
10) Students or employees under supervisory or evaluative authority of the researcher

YES

NO

EIRC review and approval is required before starting the research*. Submit WWU Application for use of Human Subject.

No EIRC review required

*Research includes all theses, dissertations, publication, and/or presentations.

This flowchart is a guide to assist researchers in determining if their activities should be reviewed by the WWU EIRC.
A Comparison of Christian Religions on Sexual Attitudes

Purpose: The purpose of this study is to compare Christian religions on sexual attitudes to see if they differ among affiliations. We are interested in your attitudes regarding sexuality in light of your religion.

Participation Requirements: You will be asked to answer approximately 30 questions about your religious perspectives on sexual attitudes. This questionnaire should take less than 10 minutes. The only requirement is that you be 18 years of age or older.

Research Personnel: The following person is involved in this research project and may be contacted at any time: Author; phone number and/or e-mail.

Potential Risk and Discomfort: Although there is no known risk in this study, some of the information is personally sensitive and also includes questions about sexuality which may be distressing to some people. However, you may withdraw at any time.

Potential Benefit: There are no direct benefits to you for participating in the research. No incentives are offered. The results will have scientific interest that may eventually have benefits for people interested in comparing religious affiliation and sexual attitudes.

Anonymity/Confidentiality: The data collected in this study are confidential. All data are collected and stored in a confidential place and have no names on them whatsoever. As you will see, you are not asked to sign your name on this questionnaire. In addition, the data are available only to the researcher associated with this project.

Right to Withdraw: You have the right to withdraw from this study at any time without penalty. And you can skip over questions if you do not want to answer them.

I would be happy to answer any question that may arise about the study. Please direct your questions or comments to: Author and phone number

I have read the above description of the study comparing Christian religions on sexual attitudes and understand the conditions of my participation. By filling out the questionnaire I agree to participate in this study and confirm that I am 18 or more years of age.