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1. Undergraduate work for an honor’s thesis that includes research involving human subjects (i.e. a research study) requires Institutional Review Board (IRB) review and approval. Once the research study is approved by the IRB, the study should remain open/active through thesis defense. In addition, if the defense results in changes to the study, it may be necessary to modify the IRB approved study.

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3. Students conducting projects specifically to fulfill class/course requirements should review the [Guidance: Examples of Activities that Do and Do Not Require UNC Charlotte IRB Review and Approval](#) document and consult with their class/course instructor BEFORE beginning the IRB review process.

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