Is the definition of “research” met in this activity?

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

Yes

Is this undergraduate research?

Yes

Undergraduate research is not subject to IRB oversight UNLESS it is conducted off-campus OR has the potential to be published or presented outside UNCW. HOWEVER, the project should always be reviewed by the supervising faculty member for ethical soundness.

No

This activity is considered research according to UNCW IRB policy.

See the Human Subjects Decision Chart to determine if human subjects are involved.

No

Is there a chance this activity will lead to publication or will the results be archived or presented in a professional forum?

Yes

See the Human Subjects Decision Chart to determine if human subjects are involved. If so, you may want to consider seeking IRB approval for this activity.

No

It is faculty/staff/graduate or external research.

UNCW IRB policy does not apply. You do not need to submit a protocol to the IRB.

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*Systematic investigation is defined by the UNCW IRB as a cohesive approach involving data collection (quantitative or qualitative) from one or more individuals and analysis to address a question or test a hypothesis.

**Generalizable knowledge is defined by the UNCW IRB as the results or outcomes gained from systematic investigation that may be published, archived, presented, or viewed in some way as relevant beyond the specific participant population.