

Aurora University  
IRB Application for Review of Research Involving Human Subjects

Submission of the following information is required for all research that involves the use of human subjects. Take care to respond FULLY to all of the questions and attach the following documents:

1. A copy of interview questions, surveys, questionnaires, or other data gathering instruments that may be used in the research project.
2. Proper Consent/Child Assent/Parent Permission Form(s) (if needed).
3. By completing Section 2 below, you will provide: a) the purpose of your study, b) relevant literature (no more than 250 words).
4. A copy of your human subjects research training certificate from the National Institutes of Health website or evidence of comparable training (see IRB webpage at [www.aurora.edu](http://www.aurora.edu)).
5. Written permission from the site where the research is to be conducted (if applicable).

These materials will assist the IRB in determining the type of review necessary and facilitate approval of your research. The more complete you make your request for review, the faster your application can be processed.

NOTE: If the data-gathering instrument is changed, a revised version must be submitted to the IRB.

Section 1:

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Department/College: Social Work

Please check the type of application process (can be found in IRB manual):

Standard/Full

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Expedited (no more than minimal risk and in need of accelerated review)

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If this is a student research project, be sure to complete all sections including the last section of this application for review.

## Section 2:

Research Project Title: What's better, Social Work or Psychology?

Sponsor's Name: N/A

(Necessary only if this research project is funded by an external organization.)

Project Start Date: June 15, 2017

End Date (application is good for one year): June 15, 2018

### **Research Question:**

- 1.) What is a better major, Social Work or Psychology?

### **Brief Literature Review (no more than 250 words):**

Social Work and Psychology are similar disciplines. Some people don't even realize that they are different. Other times, people do not know what the difference is between the two. They mostly do the same things. This study will find out, once and for all, which major is better.

### **Description of your research project and the procedures to be followed.**

(You may attach a copy of your procedures.)

This is an exploratory study to discover which major is better.

The independent variable is the major and the dependent variable is the student's satisfaction with their major.

- 1.) Researchers will go to several classes in both majors and ask students to fill out a form that lists the good and bad points of their major.
- 2.) After data is collected, Researchers will separate participants' responses into categories of social work student or psychology student. Researchers will count up the positive responses and determine which major is superior.

### **Describe the pool of subjects:**

Participants will be students at Aurora University.

### **How are the subjects to be recruited?**

Researchers will identify classes and ask to attend them for a few minutes to give the survey.

### **What discomfort/risk to the subjects, if any, do you anticipate?**

None

**How will the subjects be informed that they do not have to participate in the study, and that they may withdraw at any time with no penalty?**

The written Informed Consent form will notify participants that this study is voluntary.

**In what way have the confidentiality and privacy of the subjects' responses been ensured?**

Researchers will make all efforts to ensure confidentiality and privacy of participants. Informed consent forms will be anonymous.

**Has consent been obtained from the authorities where the research is to be conducted?**

Yes.

Section 3 — Consent Forms

Consent to participate must be obtained from the subjects if at all possible: Attach a copy of your written Informed Consent form to this request. If it is not possible to obtain a written consent form, describe, in written form and full detail, the explanation which will be given to the subjects and through what means you will provide this explanation: orally, use of an interpreter, other. In this case, a shortened written consent form may be appropriate. If written consent is completely

anonymous or impossible to gain without maintaining confidentiality, please consider a waiver of consent. See website for informed consent checklist, sample, and waiver of consent.

If the subjects are minors or members of a population classified as vulnerable (prisoners, mentally disabled individuals, etc.), a parental/guardian consent is required as well as assent of the subject. Include a copy of the parental/guardian consent form you plan to use in such instances.

Section 4 — Student Research

Student's Faculty Advisor's (supervising the research) Signature; your signature states that you have read the proposal and that you believe it is ready for submission to the IRB.

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Name Printed

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Signature

Date

Student's class for which research is being conducted as a class project.

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