

Academic Support Services

Institutional Review Board

Albertus Magnus College recognizes the importance of human subjects research in furthering the knowledge base of the academic and broader community. The College assures that research conducted under its auspices protects the rights and welfare of human participants in accordance with federal regulations and ethical standards. The Institutional Review Board (IRB) oversees this process by reviewing research involving human participants conducted by Albertus faculty, staff, students, and outside researchers.

The mission of the IRB is to ensure that human participants are treated with the utmost respect and fairness throughout the research process, as stipulated by the *Belmont Report* and Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 46: Protection of Human Subjects. The goal of the IRB at Albertus is to ensure that, in all institutional research:

- Research methods and procedures are conducted in a manner consistent with federally established ethical standards.
- Both risks and benefits to human subjects are clearly identified.
- All risks to human subjects are minimized and considered reasonable in light of the anticipated benefits and the significance of the knowledge that may result.
- Human subjects are equitably and ethically selected, recruited, and treated.
- Human subjects are fully informed of their rights to consent to participate in the study and are provided with the appropriate documentation of informed consent, or a waiver thereof, as applicable.
- Adequate provisions are maintained to protect the privacy, anonymity, and confidentiality of participants throughout data collection and reporting.