

Ethics self-assessment form for degree projects that involve humans

Use this form as a basis to reflect on research ethics, and together with your supervisor to decide the most appropriate research ethics approach for your degree project in order to make an informed decision about whether an application to the Research Ethics Committee at Dalarna University and/or an application to the Swedish Ethical Review Authority is required (note these applications must be made in Swedish). The student and supervisor should retain this form.

Project title:

Student/students:

Supervisor:

		Yes	Unsure	No
1	Can the issue of voluntary participation in the study be problematic? In other words, can the potential participants be considered as belonging to a vulnerable group: for example, children (under 18 years of age), people with impaired cognitive abilities, mental impairment, or those who are somehow dependent on the person conducting the study, for example, a patient or student of the researcher carrying out the study?			
2	Does the study involve any situation where informed consent will not have been obtained from the participants (In other words, the research project will take place without the participant's prior knowledge or consent and/or they will not have the possibility to withdraw from participation)?			
3	Does the study involve any form of physical intervention on the study participants?			
4	Is the study likely to expose any person to physical or psychological harm?			
5	Does the study involve the collection of biological samples that can be linked to humans, living or deceased (for example, a blood test)?			
6	Do you intend to collect sensitive information, such as information on ethnicity, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership, health or sex life?			
7	Do you intend to collect personal information that concerns legal offences, such as crimes committed, criminal convictions, coercive measures, or administrative detention?			
8	Do you intend to collect personal information? If so, consider the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All data that can be linked to a living person is considered personal data, even if it is coded or encrypted. In the event that the student work does NOT include any sensitive personal data, or does NOT include participants who belong to a vulnerable group or who are dependent on the person conducting the study, no application needs to be made to the Research Ethics Board at Dalarna University. When processing personal data, however, the data protection officer (<i>dataskyddsbud</i>) must ALWAYS be notified using the requisite form, which should be sent to: dataskydd@du.se 			