

Annual Report for the Institutional Review Board – FY26

This report describes the activities of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) beginning June 1, 2025 and ending May 31, 2026 (FY26).

As shown in Table 1, 69 new protocols were submitted to the IRB in FY26. Of these 69 protocols, 5 received full board review (7.25%), 20 were classified as expedited (29%), and 38 were classified as exempt (55%). Five protocols were submitted but later withdrawn (7.25%). One protocol was received and deemed “not human subjects research” (1.5%).

Table 1. IRB Protocol Classification in FY26

Classification	Summer 2025	Fall 2025	Spring 2026	Total
Full Board	0	0	5	5
Expedited	0	15	5	20
Exempt	0	18	20	38
Not Human Subjects Research	0	0	1	1
Withdrawn	0	2	3	5
Total	0	35	34	69

As shown in Table 2, IRB protocols were submitted by 17 departments, programs, and/or offices in FY26. Of the 69 protocols reviewed in FY26, 47 involved student investigators.

Table 2. IRB Protocols Submitted by Department / Program / Office in FY26

Department / Program / Office	Summer 2025	Fall 2025	Spring 2026	Total
Anthropology	0	0	1	1
Biology	0	0	1	1
Communications & Marketing	0	0	1	1
Computer Science (<i>1 withdrawn</i>)	0	1	2	3
Economics	0	1	3	4
Education Studies	0	2	0	2
English	0	0	1	1
Environmental Studies & Sciences	0	0	1	1
Gender Studies	0	0	1	1
Health and Human Phys. Sciences (<i>1 withdrawn</i>)	0	3	6	9
Management & Business	0	0	2	2
Neuroscience	0	0	1	1
Political Science	0	3	2	5
Psychology (<i>3 withdrawn</i>)	0	21	5	26
Religious Studies	0	0	1	1
Social Work	0	0	1	1
Sociology	0	4	5	9
Total	0	35	34	69

As shown in Table 3, the IRB reviewed and approved 34 amendment requests to previously approved protocols in FY26.

Table 3. Number of Amendment Requests Approved in FY26

	Summer 2025	Fall 2025	Spring 2026	Total
IRB Amendment Requests	5	12	17	34

No adverse events or protocol violations were reported to the IRB in FY26.

Membership for the IRB is listed in Table 4.

Table 4. IRB Members

June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026
Yelena Biberman-Ocakli (Political Science) (beginning 1/1/2026)
Robert Cardom (Counseling Center) (through 8/31/2025)
Michael Dunn (Management and Business) (through 12/31/2025)
Pablo Gomez (Psychology)
Mary Hoehn (Sponsored Research)
Lucas LaFreniere (Psychology)
Andrew Lindner, Chair (Sociology)
Mary Caroline Powers, External Community Member
Julia Routbort Baskin (Counseling Center) (beginning 9/1/2025)
Olivia O'Malley, IRB Coordinator

Respectfully submitted,



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