

Division of Criminal Justice
Research Review Committee

Study Design Questions

The Criminal Justice Division's Research Review committee examines proposed study designs submitted by student researchers ***prior to*** students submitting online Institutional Review Board (IRB) applications to the University IRB committee. The University committee will then review online student applications primarily to assess the risk associated with the proposed research. Please work in consultation with your faculty advisor as you complete this task.

Directions: Please provide ***thorough*** answers to the following questions:

1. Describe the purpose of the research. Be sure to indicate how this activity will contribute to generalizable knowledge.
2. What is the main research question(s) or study objective(s)? If applicable, please include your study hypothesis(es).
3. Provide a detailed description of the following methodological components of your proposed study:
 - a. Study design
 - b. Sampling
 - c. Data collection method
 - d. Data analysis
 - e. Reporting of results
4. How many participants will be enrolled?
5. Attach a copy of your data collection instrument(s) (e.g., any instruments you plan to use including, but not limited to: survey, interview form, coding sheet, etc.)

Once all of the questions have been thoroughly addressed, please send a copy of your document to the Chair of the Graduate Program committee at drfarmer@csus.edu. A copy of your document will be reviewed and discussed by members of the Graduate Program committee and students will receive feedback on their submissions. The feedback received should be reviewed in consultation with the faculty advisor and revisions should be made ***prior to*** the online IRB submission.