

EXEMPTION MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: HUMAN USE COMMITTEE REVIEW

DATE: June 15, 2020

TITLE: "Sudden Social Distancing. Impacts of COVID-19 Social
Distancing on Six Courses"

According to the Code of Federal Regulations Title 45 Part 46, your research protocol is determined to be exempt from full review under the following exemption category(s): It has been determined that your study meets the requirements for exemption under 45 CFR 46.104d (1). The proposed retrospective study will examine and compare grades in classes taught in the School of Agricultural Sciences and Forestry. I believe this study would be exempt according to CFR §46.104(d)1 as the data was collected in an established education setting under normal educational practices. Albeit a "new normal" due to COVID19.

"Research, conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, that specifically involves normal educational practices that are not likely to adversely impact students' opportunity to learn required educational content or the assessment of educators who provide instruction. This includes most research on regular and special education instructional strategies, and research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques, curricula, or classroom management methods."

Thank you for submitting your Human Use Proposal to Louisiana Tech's Institutional Review Board.