

Workshop II / CMS.951 – Ethics assignment

There are two parts to this assignment.

1. If you have not yet completed MIT's IRB training you need to do so. Complete the Human Subjects training (COUHES) module "Social & Behavioral Research Investigators" and "The Responsible Conduct of Research (Social & Behavioral RCR)" available via the link at <https://couhes.mit.edu/training-research-involving-human-subjects> (this link will take you to the CITI training site). This is not a quick task so make sure to allocate enough time.

Bring in a print-out showing you have completed the modules. If you have already completed the training in another class simply go into the system and print-out a screenshot verifying that.

2. Write a 5 page paper on one of the issues tackled within the ethics readings, online training, or discussion. Feel free to draw in other sources if you like. In particular, reflect on an ethical angle in relation to either a proposed project you are likely to undertake (for your thesis or another piece of work) or retrospectively on a project you already completed. Perhaps consider how you will handle privacy or implement an ethic of care in the project. What are the benefits, or perhaps even costs, to do doing so? What complications might you encounter and need to deal with in actually carrying it your approach? Alternatively, you may reflect on an issue that arose in a prior piece of work. Perhaps you ran into consent problems in ways you didn't anticipate or, in retrospect, realize you hadn't even thought of the issue and now have to reconsider it. The goal of the essay is just to get you diving into the terrain and thinking through some issues/implications (good/bad/difficult/etc) for your own work.

The paper must be printed in a standard font, double-spaced, and stapled together with the IRB training print-out.

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