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**MA in Performance Studies**  
**Texas A&M University**  
**IRB Compliance Statement**

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*Fundamental IRB Policies* A) Anyone (including students) conducting human subject research at Texas A&M University must have IRB approval for their research *before* he/she starts that research. B) Fieldwork done for a classroom exercise is not research and does not require IRB approval *unless* the student intends to use the data collected in that research as part of his/her thesis or another published work. If the student does intend to use the results of that fieldwork in his/her thesis or another published work, he/she must receive IRB approval *before* starting the research. C) If the student has participated in a classroom exercise and did not intend to use it as part of his/her thesis but later proposes a thesis on that topic and wishes to use the information gathered during his/her classroom exercise, he/she must get IRB approval in order to use that material. *Please note:* this is only a brief summary of fundamental IRB policies. All researchers (including students) are responsible for compliance with IRB policies and procedures. For further information, consult the IRB website.

1. Does this your thesis project include human subjects research? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No
  
2. If your thesis project includes human subjects research, have you obtained IRB approval for this research? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No
  - If yes, please provide documentation of IRB approval at your prospectus defense.
  - If your application has been submitted an application to the IRB, please provide a copy of your application at your prospectus defense.
  - If you have not yet submitted an IRB application, please provide a draft of your application and indicate your proposed submission date at your prospectus defense.

I understand the steps necessary to obtain IRB approval before conducting human subjects research. I will not undertake any such research unless and until I obtain IRB approval.

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Student

Date

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Supervisor Signature

Date

Please note: when you receive IRB approval, you must give a copy of your approval letter to the Director of Graduate Studies.

The student's thesis proposal will not be accepted by the Graduate Executive Committee unless they are satisfied that the student is in compliance with IRB procedures.