

# Research Ethics and Integrity

Society has become increasingly sensitive to ethical issues associated with research involving humans, especially the risks that research participants are exposed to during the conduct of the research. Managing ethics and integrity in the context of research management is an essential competence. This course is focused on developing the competence of research managers in facilitating the ethical and integrous conduct of research and research integrity.

## Course facts



### Course delivery

Online, digitised short course



### Course duration

Eight weeks



### Notional learning hours

3-4 learning hours per week, anytime, anywhere



### B-BBEE

Assistance offered to obtain Category B recognition under Skills Development element of B-BBEE scorecard



### Learner journey management

The Wits DigitalCampus team provides learning support throughout the course



### Certification

A certificate of competence from the University of the Witwatersrand



### Target market

Research managers and administrators; academics or researchers who require a deeper understanding of the research management field



### Assessment

Assessment and grades are calculated as follows:

- 5% – Participation in Discussion Activity forums
- 35% – Module assessment results
- 60% – Online examination result



### Course outcomes

Articulate the philosophical and moral principles of ethics and help sustain a culture of research ethics.  
Apply scientific integrity and publication ethics.



If you meet the assessment criteria, you will receive a Certificate of Competence from the University of the Witwatersrand. A certificate of competence is proof that you have completed the course content and been assessed for competence against the learning outcomes set.



This course is presented by SARIMA subject matter experts who will be available to interact with you through the DigitalCampus platform whilst you are doing the course. If you have questions about the SARIMA course subject matter experts please contact us, [info@digitalcampus.co.za](mailto:info@digitalcampus.co.za)

## Course outline

### Module 0 Introduction to Online Learning

Orientation module preparing learners for the world of digital, online learning, as well as course format and requirements.

### Module 2 Resolving Ethical Problems

Explore the stepwise guide to resolving ethical problems and formulation of solutions.

### Module 4 Scientific Integrity & Publication Ethics

Identify the various types of research misconduct, be exposed to the practice of scientific integrity, and explore plagiarism and risks and consequences thereof.

### Module 6 Research Ethics Committee Admin

Understand the process and practice of setting a Research Ethics Committee for audit accreditation evaluation.

### Week 8 Final Online Examination

Final online examination

Week

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### Module 1 Philosophy and Moral Principles of Ethics

Differentiate between morality, ethics, and law, and use this understanding to identify the basic principles of research ethics.

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### Module 3 Research Ethics

The historical perspective/background of research ethics and the evolution of laws and guidelines in research ethics to create a culture of ethics

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### Module 5 Research Protocol Development

Explore the components of good research protocol, and its importance and value in setting principles of good clinical practice in research

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### Week 7 Study Week

Study time

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## Learner journey management

Our Wits DigitalCampus Learner Journey team ensures that all applicants are enrolled, informed, supported, and motivated to complete the course. The team can be contacted online, telephonically or by email and will respond to learner queries and comments within one working day.

Our effective learner journey management is evident in these statistics:

Course completion rate:

96% plus

Course pass rate:

93% plus

## Application and payment

### Apply online at [www.digitalcampus.co.za](http://www.digitalcampus.co.za)

In accordance with Wits policies, upfront payment is required to register for the course. The payment of the fees for this course is the responsibility of the individual registering for the course.