Assessment tasks

Assessment 1 - Ethical issues and challenges in my own research

Write a description of ethical issues that have emerged or may emerge in your own research, and reflect on their implications for your research. For example, you may reflect on how the ethical issues could influence the research plan or the way the research is carried out. Whom does the ethical issues concern? In what stages of your research do you need to address these ethical issues? How do you plan/how have you solved the ethical issues? Could there be alternative ways to handle the ethical issues?

It is recommended you complete at least Section A content before this assessment task. The length of the paper is approx. 2 pages.

Assessment 2 - Peer Review

You will receive a description of ethical challenges by two of your fellow students. The Moodle system will treat you anonymously - you will not be told whose work you are reading and you as the commentator will also remain anonymous. If you are happy to share who you are, you are welcome to include your name in your submissions.

You are asked to comment and reflect on the following aspects: have ethical challenges been recognised well considering the research context? Can you think of additional research ethical issues that have not been recognised in this submission? Would you find ways to improve it? Or challenges that have not yet been recognised? Include any examples you are aware of how other people have approach similar challenges in the past (maybe your own research experience).

The purpose of commenting and reflecting is to support each other to create ethically strong research. Consider carefully what you write and think of yourself as the constructive you yourself would like to have.

The Peer Review should be approximately 1 page.

Assessment 3 - Discussion board group activity on ethical issues

This is a compulsory group activity for the course. You will be allocated into groups of 4-6 students.

Each member of the group will post a challenge they have either had or think they could have in their research related to working with others. Your submission should be at least half page long (approx. 250 words), giving enough details to allow others to understand the situation. Please be mindful how you share your stories and consider the privacy and confidentiality towards others involved. The basic principle is also, that what is discussed in this group should not go beyond this group.

You are expected to comment on the challenges of at least two of your group member and provide thoughtful insight and suggestions on how to best manage the often unavoidable challenges around working with others. Typically a response is similar length to the issues originally discussed i.e. half a page at least. The emphasis is on problem-solving and support.
Assessment 4 - Reflection and solutions to ethical issues

For this assessment you are asked to submit an essay on ethical challenges in your research and reasoned solutions to them. You are expected to:

• show evidence that you are aware of key ethical principles in research and are able to apply them to your own research work.
• show evidence that you can broadly recognise ethical challenges around your research work.
• show evidence that you are aware of the key responsibilities for researchers as identified in Finnish Guidelines on Responsible Conduct of Research in your research work.

You can make use of assessment 1 and the peer reviews you received. Please indicate how your thinking has changed during the course and what impact (if any) the peer reviews had on your perception of the challenges and/or solutions to them.

The essay should be approximately 3-4 pages.

Assessment 5

Quizzes associated with each topic are compulsory. You can attempt each quiz 3 times. If the quiz requires a password, it is ‘ethics’. You are expected to study the material before attempting the quiz.