

Student Requests for UD Student Data for Classroom Research

Both undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Dayton require data for classroom work and research. At times, students contact University staff to request data related to the UD student body. This document is intended to be a resource to both students and their faculty advisors regarding student requests for such information.

Data Needed for General Practical Experience –

There are publicly available data resources that may meet student needs. [David Luftig](#), Assistant Professor and Research Services Librarian is available to assist students in locating and navigating such resources. The following lists some examples of web data resources –

- <https://www.census.gov/data.html> - Data from the US Census Bureau
- <https://nces.ed.gov/datatools/> - Data available from the National Center for Education Statistics
- <https://www.nacubo.org/research/> - Data available from the National Association of College and University Business Officers (some data are publicly available, while others require a membership userid and password)
- <https://www.bls.gov/data/> - Data from US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Additionally, there are various reports summarizing information related to University of Dayton enrollment. Those reports are available via the University of Dayton web pages for [Institutional Research & Reporting](#). A student's University of Dayton userid and password are required to view some of the reports.

- https://udayton.edu/finadmin/divisions/budget_planning/ir/common_data_set.php - Common Data Set reports. The CDS is a set of information conforming to standards and definitions of data items requested by various external surveyors, i.e. Princeton Review, US News & World Report, etc.
- https://udayton.edu/finadmin/divisions/budget_planning/ir/university_facts.php - University Fact Books. The Fact Books contain detail and summary reports related to such things as Enrollment, Retention, Degrees Awarded, Human Resources, and Financial Information.
- https://udayton.edu/finadmin/divisions/budget_planning/ir/sch_reports.php - Student Credit Hour production within the academic Divisions and Departments of the University.

Specific Student Data Requested for More In-Depth Analyses -

Requests for individual student data (unit record information) generally require approval by the [Institutional Review Board](#).

- IRB approval ensures that the rights and welfare of research subjects are protected as described in Ethical Principles and Guidelines for the Protection of Human Subjects of Research (“The Belmont Report”).
- The IRB is governed by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) federal guidelines for protection of human subjects in research found in 45 CFR 46 and referred to as the “Common Rule.”

- All research that involves human subjects must be reviewed by and must receive approval from the IRB prior to subject recruitment and data collection. If you are not sure if your research qualifies as “human subjects research”, please contact IRB@udayton.edu.
- The IRB cannot review research that has already been performed or is being performed.
- IRB approval does not guarantee that the request for data will be honored. The amount of staff work required and time available to pull the requested information will be taken into consideration when responding to such requests.
- Once IRB approval has been granted, requests for student data should go the [Office of Registrar](#). The Registrar will then make the determination regarding feasibility and/or the appropriate person/office to provide the data.