Things to keep in mind if you intend to collect data from students
(your own or someone else’s)

In the consent form be sure to include the following:

- A clear distinction between what the coursework requirements are and what’s involved in the research
- Space for students to consent to participate in the research (or not) as well as
- Allowing the students to consent to the use of their data without the use of their name

If you wish to access students’ school records:

Be aware that school based studies may also invoke other regulatory requirements.
In particular, academic records are subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) which limits the ability of schools to release student records without appropriate authorization. The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) requires parental consent for surveys involving sensitive topics such as sexuality, illegal behavior, and political affiliations.