## **Academic Support Services**

## Institutional Review Board

Albertus Magnus College recognizes the importance of research on human subjects to further the knowledge base of the academic and larger community. The College accepts the responsibility to assure that research conducted under its auspices protects the rights and welfare of human participants in accordance with federal regulations and ethical standards. The Institutional Review Board (IRB) oversees this process by reviewing research involving human participants conducted by Albertus faculty, staff, students and outside researchers.

The mission of the IRB is to ensure that human participants are treated with the utmost respect and fairness throughout the research process as stipulated by the Belmont Report, Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 46 Protection of Human Subjects. The goal of IRB review at Albertus is to help the researcher examine the research design so that:

- Human participants are recruited and treated ethically
- Participants feel their consent to participate is fully informed
- The data gathered is confidential
- The relationship of risks and benefits to participants are fully considered