Description of the Data Analysis Requirement

1. Student identifies a suitable project and client. This can be expanding a project from the consulting class, or a research collaboration within UW or outside UW with **non-statisticians**. Be on the lookout for opportunities early on, before you even find a research advisor. Your research advisor cannot be your client, even if they are in a different department.

2. Student sends Committee a proposal. If there is anyone on this project besides you who has statistical knowledge, the proposal must explain how your task is delimited, because the Consulting project is aimed to be an **independent** work from the statistics point of view. You, or the Committee can ask your client for an email explaining this, in a borderline case.

3. Committee approves project proposal.

4. Students works on project, submits project text to Committee. Student asks supervisor to send a short email to Committee confirming that they approve the project.

5. Committee checks that project is up to standard, that conditions (e.g. no help or advising from other statisticians) are satisfied, and approves project.

   In the rare case that the client does not approve your project, the Committee will take a closer look at the project quality. The final decision to approve a project or not lies with the Committee, not with the client.

   Waiver based on *work experience*. Work experience means employment outside UW, such as an internship. It does not mean research collaborations while you are enrolled. If you have an internship where your job involved statistics in a non-statistics group, submit a proposal describing this work. We will ask for a letter from your supervisor confirming you completed the internship. You will not be required to write a project report.