

Basics Of Social Research

Known throughout academia as the gold standard of research methods texts, THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL RESEARCH, 12th Edition, is a comprehensive, straightforward introduction to the field of research as practiced by social scientists. This best-selling text emphasizes the research process by showing students how to design and conduct projects, introducing the various observation modes in use today, and answering questions about research methods--such as how to conduct online surveys and analyze qualitative and quantitative data. THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL RESEARCH gives students the tools they need to apply research concepts practically, as both researchers and consumers. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

With its enhanced design and increased Canadian content, Basics of Social Research: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches sets a new standard in social research methods. The improved layout makes a difficult subject easier to understand, with a new four-colour, visually enhanced presentation. Updated Canadian content focuses on real-world examples from Canadian studies to make social research accessible to students and demonstrate how social research has applications in the real world. Themed boxes and new end-of-chapter questions increases student learning and provides a foundation for further learning about social research methods.

A concise, affordable paperback research methods text from Earl Babbie, who defined how to teach the research methods course with the publication of THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL RESEARCH. The streamlined Second Edition of THE BASICS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH emphasizes the fundamental concepts of both quantitative and qualitative research methods. Inductive chapter openings pose social research problems that are addressed and resolved in each chapter through the application of key chapter concepts. Each chapter contains detailed examples, and new sections on how to interpret the results of data analysis. The second edition features increased technology integration. SPSS, MicroCase, HyperResearch, and NVIVO statistical software examples are given throughout the text. Web icons indicate where practice exercises and tutorials are available on the companion web site. The text provides students with the necessary tools for understanding the basics of social research methods, and for applying these concepts both inside and outside the classroom.

This bestselling introductory book offers practical and straightforward guidance on the basics of social research, ideal for anyone who needs to conduct small-scale research projects as part of their undergraduate, postgraduate or professional studies. The book provides:

- A clear, straightforward introduction to data collection methods and analysis
- Jargon-free coverage of the key issues
- Checklists to guide good practice

The sixth edition has been extensively updated and includes features such as:

- A new chapter on the Life Course Perspective
- A new chapter on Literature Reviews
- New material on the Delphi Technique
- An updated and expanded chapter on the analysis of Quantitative Data
- New examples and illustrations throughout

The Good Research Guide, 6th edition is a valuable resource for anyone conducting social research including those in applied areas such as business studies, health studies, nursing, education, social work, policy studies, marketing, media studies and criminology. "Denscombe's Good Research Guide, now in its 6th edition, continues to be one of the leading books in the field. It covers the topics a student or practitioner doing a research project will know from project design, theoretical underpinnings of research, data collection and analysis to writing up your research. Its accessible and practical approach means it is an excellent resource for those new to undertaking independent research." Liam Foster, Senior Lecturer in Social Policy and Social Work, Sheffield University, UK "Martyn Denscombe's text continues to remain core reading for those undertaking small pieces of research and those who need to gain a firm grounding in the principles of research theory and practice. From deciding on a research approach to the process of writing up, this finely balanced edition offers a comprehensive and detailed guide to the research cycle. Pragmatic, and with the needs of the researcher always in mind, it makes social science research accessible, undaunting, and, what's more, a completely possible, stimulating, and enjoyable endeavour." Yunis Alam, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Bradford, UK "The Good Research Guide provides a comprehensive view of the complex strategies and approaches of conducting social research, explained in simple terms. Relevant examples and check lists provided in each section not only helps with a better understanding but also reflect on one's own research. This book has tremendously helped me to gain knowledge and understanding of complex research strategies and provide clear guidance and direction for students and researchers in their research journey to achieve success." Deborah Ebenezer, Research Student "I think the book is a very good précis of areas relevant to the title. It outlines very well in a logical order the elements pertinent to 'social research'. Each chapter is relatively comprehensive with subject material that is important, in a language that is accessible throughout. It does what it says on the tin and provides practical information and guidance as to what 'text' for those needing help with this type of research project. In particular I think the checklists are an excellent chapter ending to help plan and bring into sharp focus what is needed for any particular approach. The within chapter examples are excellent and help to further inform the reader what the author is trying to convey. Chapter links and embedded concepts and show how the various research elements may be associated. Overall an excellent introductory text that embodies a no-nonsense approach to a subject that can be at times complex. By breaking down topic areas and giving simple examples the subject is eminently accessible to the reader. Well done!" Stephen Pearson, Senior Lecturer in Human and Applied Physiology, School of Health Sciences, University of Salford, UK "This new edition provides comprehensive guidance to those undertaking small-scale social research projects including dissertations in business and management and the social sciences and I would recommend its use for all those new to research and to refresh the thinking of those with prior research experience. Part 1 addresses a range of strategies for social research including surveys, sampling, case studies, ex-

ethnography, the life course perspective, grounded theory, action research, phenomenology, systematic review and mixed methods. There are few texts which address strategies in such a comprehensive manner. The text develops in Part 2 by providing clear guidance on the selection and use of appropriate methods of data collection questionnaires, interviews, observation and documentary analysis, taking into account the aims and objective of the research project. Part 4 considers both quantitative and qualitative data analysis with Part 4 providing essential information on research ethics, the reporting of research and on the conduct and presentation of the literature essential to all research projects. I have no hesitation in commending this text for use by undergraduate and post-graduate students as well as those undertaking research projects independent of an academic programme." Dr. Bobby Mackie, Senior Lecturer, School of Business and Enterprise, University of the West of Scotland, UK

Survey Research

Data Analysis Using IBM SPSS Statistics

Basics of Social Research

Adventures in Social Research

A Guide to Social Science Research

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Researchers are continually challenged to find different ways of investigating political, economic and social issues in Africa. This book describes social research methods and applications within African contexts. It features examples of social research conducted in various African countries.

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Fundamentals of Social Research Methods

Principles, Methods, and Practices

Readings in Social Research Methods

The Basics of Social Research, Enhanced Edition, Loose-Leaf Version

An Entry to Social Science Research

Become a competent, confident, and critical consumer of social research with Earl Babbie's SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNTS. Written with wit, and with a desire to see you succeed in the course, the book presents the main tenets of research methods concisely and in a visually appealing, full-color format that engages you in the topics and helps you make the connection between a concept and its real-world applications. Each chapter includes features designed to guide you through the material, including Learning Objectives that offer you an easy-to-follow guide to the content, as well as "Tips and Tools" and "Research in Real Life" boxes that provide opportunities for you to better equip yourself with relevant skills. As a result of using this book, you will gain a firm footing in the foundational skills and principles of research methods.

Research Basics: Design to Data Analysis in Six Steps offers a fresh and creative approach to the research process based on author James V. Spickard's decades of teaching experience. Using an intuitive six-step model, readers learn how to craft a research question and then identify a logical process for answering it. Conversational writing and multi-disciplinary examples illuminate the model's simplicity and power, effectively connecting the "hows" and "whys" behind social science research. Students using this book will learn how to turn their research questions into results.

Social psychology explores some of the most important questions we face as people: how do we create and understand the social self? How does our 'social mind' influence the volition and content of thoughts and behaviour? How do we relate to other individuals and groups and the myriad forms and processes of social influence? In a jargon-free and accessible manner, Social Psychology: The Basics critically examines these fundamental principles of social psychology, and provides a thorough overview of this fascinating area. Discussing the theory and science behind our understanding of how people relate to others, this book explores how we understand ourselves and others, how we relate at an individual and group level, the key processes underpinning social influence and the ways the discipline has evolved (and continues to evolve). It also looks at how the application of social psychology makes important differences in the real world. Highlighting key issues, controversies and applications, including case studies, questions, and biographies of important figures in the discipline, this is the essential introduction for students at undergraduate, A-level and high school levels who are approaching social psychology for the first time.

A core statistics text that emphasizes logical inquiry, not math Basic Statistics for Social Research teaches core general statistical concepts and methods that all social science majors must master to understand (and do) social research. Its use of mathematics and theory are deliberately limited, as the authors focus on the use of concepts and tools of statistics in the analysis of social science data, rather than on the mathematical and computational aspects. Research questions and applications are taken from a wide variety of subfields in sociology, and each chapter is organized around one or more general ideas that are explained at its beginning and then applied in increasing detail in the body of the text. Each chapter contains instructive features to aid students in understanding and mastering the various statistical approaches presented in the book, including: Learning objectives Check quizzes after many sections and an answer key at the end of the chapter Summary Key terms End-of-chapter exercises SPSS exercises (in select chapters) Ancillary materials for both the student and the instructor are available and include a test bank for instructors and downloadable video tutorials for students.

Research Design and Methods

Social Research Counts

Guided Activities to Accompany The Practice of Social Research, Seventh Edition

Social Research Methods

Foundations of Social Work Research

Designed to help students develop skills in evaluating research and conducting studies, this brief version of Rafael J. Engel and Russell K. Schutt's popular, *The Practice of Research in Social Work*, makes principles of evidence-based practice come alive through illustrations of actual social work research. With integration of the CSWE Competencies, the text addresses issues and concerns common to the discipline and encourages students to address diversity and ethics when planning and evaluating research studies. The Second Edition includes a focus on qualitative research, a new chapter on research ethics, new sections on mixed methods research and community-based participatory research, and more.

Using everyday jargon-free language, *Designing Social Research* guides you through the jungle of setting up a research study. Ian Greener provides guidance on how to practically plan your research and helps you to understand the underpinning methodological principles that should inform your decisions about the methods you plan to use. It will help you to assess the appropriateness of a range of methods and to understand the strengths and limitations of different approaches to research. Greener highlights key debates in the field, both philosophical and practical, and presents them in such a way that they remain constantly relevant to research practice. Coverage includes framing an effective research question/problem; examining the jargon of social research; the links between theory, methodology and method; the role of literature reviewing in research design; managing and planning the research process; sampling; qualitative designs; quantitative designs; mixed methods designs and data analysis.

Since the publication of first edition of this book, social research in general and social work research in particular, have grown very rapidly. Today, social science research methodology has evolved to become highly scientific and diverse in nature. *Practice of Social Research* very precisely describes the basics of social research but the primary focus of the book is on the applicability of research methods in social work theory and practice. Social work research has a unique role to play in enabling social work students, educators, and practitioners to meet the growing demands of higher professional standards and accountability. The book aims to enhance social work practice—a scientific practice—by using various research methods, tools, and techniques. Key features of this revised edition include: a section on 'Determination of Sample Size'; a detailed inquiry into computer applications in data processing and analysis through SPSS software; and a discussion about 'Hypotheses, ' along with examples. This book will prove a valuable guide for both academics and practitioners in the social work profession. The clear, accessible style will make this the ideal introductory text for those studying research for the first time. [Subject: Social Work, Sociology, Research Studies

Social Research Methods: Qualitative and Quantitative Methods 7e is a highly regarded text that presents a comprehensive and balanced introduction to both qualitative and quantitative approaches to social research with an emphasis on the benefits of combining various approaches. New this edition: MyResearchKit--Social Research Methods 7E can be packaged with this text at no additional cost (ISBN: 0205751342) or purchased separately. MyResearchKit includes: * Multiple-choice practice test questions* Flashcards of key terms* Short research exercises (previously in the workbook)*Social Explorer: census data from 1790 - present* A Social Research in the News blog*Writing tutorial: covers documenting sources, avoiding plagiarism, and various kinds of writing assignments (literature reviews, abstracts, research proposals, etc.)*MySearchLab: a search engine for retrieving scholarly research articles from hundreds of academic journals

Do It Yourself Social Research, Third Edition

2nd edition

Social Psychology

Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches

The Practice of Social Research

This book is designed to introduce doctoral and graduate students to the process of conducting scientific research in the social sciences, business, education, public health, and related disciplines and compact source for foundational concepts in behavioral research, and can serve as a stand-alone text or as a supplement to research readings in any doctoral seminar or research methods course.

as a research text at universities on six continents and will shortly be available in nine different languages.

"Essentials of Social Research is a well-balanced and engaging treatment of the many facets of doing research. Capturing a trend toward the use of multiple methods and perspectives, the authors present interesting findings and applications on a variety of topics. Their use of common examples from one chapter to the next is an innovative way of conveying the value of a multi-method approach to the secret shared by many researchers, which is that research is fun and we enjoy doing it. There is something here for students across the spectrum of the social and behavioural sciences." Daniel G. White, University of Queensland, Australia "Clearly written, well-thought out and logically organized, the book is an ideal text for all undergraduate courses. ... I particularly like the book's approach to the quantitative/qualitative debate. The authors are even-handed about the strengths and weaknesses of the methods, noting that each is appropriate some of the time, neither is appropriate all the time. Research often combines the approaches. ... Finally, the application problems at the end of each chapter are so well thought out that a faculty member need not spend hours developing the basic research focus on designing appropriate research project for the students." Helen Roland, University of California, USA What is meant by 'the scientific method'? How do I go about collecting data? Should I use quantitative methods, or both? Essentials of Social Research is an introductory text designed to provide straightforward, clear answers to the key questions students have about research methods. With a background in social research methodology, it covers the fundamentals of social research, including: types of research, reasoning and data, basic logic of quantitative and qualitative inquiry, major research methods, and the assessment of research findings. In addition, this handy guide: Offers ongoing exercises to illustrate the text material Covers basic critical thinking skills Emphasizes the complementary contributions of quantitative and qualitative methods Provides examples of research from published literature Essentials of Social Research is key reading for all undergraduate social scientists undertaking research.

Research Methods: The Basics is an accessible, user-friendly introduction to the different aspects of research theory, methods and practice. This second edition provides an expanded resource suitable for practitioners in a wide range of disciplines including the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities. Structured in two parts – the first covering the nature of knowledge and the reasons for using the methods used to carry out effective research and how to propose, plan, carry out and write up a research project – this book covers: • Reasons for doing a research project • Structuring and planning a research project • Ethical issues involved in research • Different types of data and how they are measured • Collecting and analysing qualitative and quantitative data in order to draw sound conclusions • Mixed methods research • Devising a research proposal and writing up the research • Motivation and quality of work. Complete with a glossary of key terms and guides to further reading, this book is an essential resource for research for the first time.

The present book of basics for the social researcher provides a sound and well-structured framework for the pursuit of serious and result-oriented research. It reiterates, in ordered and logical sequence, the steps required to be taken by the researcher so that he successfully plans, conducts, implements and concludes a plan of action for the study he decides on. From a discussion of the key concepts, the intricacies of the sociological methods, and subsequently the hypothesis, the research design, and the sociological data. It explains in clear terms the methods of data collection, namely, the questionnaire, sample poll, etc. The author has not merely collected them from various sources and arranged them systematically but has also enlivened them with his interesting style of writing. The book is intended for students and academicians in social sciences and will prove to be of great assistance in the methodology of research.

Social Work Perspective

Research Methods: The Basics

Design to Data Analysis in Six Steps

Empowerment Series: Essential Research Methods for Social Work

Research Basics

Combining the time tested classical work of Earl Babbie with the insights of one of the most recognized and respected names in speech communication research, THE BASICS OF COMMUNICATION RESEARCH is the book for the Communication research methods course. With the authors' collective experience teaching research methods and as active researchers themselves you will find this text to be the authoritative text for your course. The authors frame research as a way of knowing, and provide balanced treatment to both quantitative and qualitative research traditions in communication research and present it in a student friendly and engaging format. It provides in-depth treatment of the role of reasoning in the research enterprise and how this reasoning process plays itself out in planning and writing a research proposal and report. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

The concepts and methodologies of social research come to life as you read the interesting articles in this unique collection. Diane Kholos Wysocki includes an interdisciplinary range of readings from the fields of psychology, sociology, social work, criminal justice, and political science. The reader is specifically designed to accompany Earl Babbie's THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL RESEARCH, 9th, though it can be used with any social research text. The articles focus on the important methods and concepts typically covered in the social research course and provide an illustrative advantage. Organized by key concepts, each of the reader's eleven chapters begin with an introduction highlighting and explaining the research concept that the chapter's readings elucidate.

The Fundamentals of Social Research, 4th Canadian Edition brings research methods to life for Canadian students. The text introduces students to techniques for testing the accuracy of different maps of social reality, in order to help them understand, appreciate and manage the social world that surrounds us. A lively narrative and pedagogy engages students, while building conceptual foundations, methodologies, and practical skills that provide a critical understanding of why social research matters in their academic and future professional careers.

Research Design and Methods: An Applied Guide for the Scholar-Practitioner by Gary J. Burkholder, Kimberley A. Cox, Linda M. Crawford, and John H.

Hitchcock, is written for students seeking advanced degrees who want to use evidence-based research to support their practice. This practical and accessible text addresses the foundational concepts of research design and methods; provides a more detailed exploration of designs and approaches

popular with graduate students in applied disciplines; covers qualitative, quantitative, and mixed-methods designs; discusses ethical considerations and quality in research; and provides guidance on writing a research proposal.

The Logic of Social Research

Fundamentals of Social Research

A Guide for the Bewildered

Essentials of Research Methods

EBOOK: Essentials of Social Research

By emphasizing an understanding of the theoretical logic behind the research process and preferred techniques, *The Practice of Social Research*, 7th, helps students see methods as a way of thinking and gathering evidence. Using an informal, conversational writing style, Babbie diffuses student anxiety by delivering clear, practical, example-filled discussions of all the major methods of social research.

This thorough revision of Babbie's standard-setting book presents a succinct, straightforward introduction to the field of research methods as practiced by social scientists. Contemporary examples+such as terrorism, Alzheimer's disease, anti-gay prejudice and education, and the legalization of marijuana make this Fourth Edition thoroughly fascinating as it introduces you to the how-tos and whys of social research methods. The book's new qualitative coverage combined with its already strong quantitative material makes this new edition Babbie's best yet. Babbie, long respected in the field and renowned for his engaging and friendly writing style, gives you the tools you need for understanding social research methods and for applying these concepts both inside and outside the classroom+as a researcher and as a consumer of research. With a strong emphasis on ethics and additional qualitative material, this Fourth Edition is authoritative yet student-friendly . . . and engaging enough to help you connect the dots between the world of social research and the real world. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Rubin and Babbie's *ESSENTIAL RESEARCH METHODS FOR SOCIAL WORK* provides students with a concise introduction to research methods that offers illustrations and applications specific to the field, as well as a constant focus on the utility of social work research in social work practice. Outlines, introductions, boxed features, chapter endings with main points, review questions and exercises, and Internet exercises provide students with the information and practice they need to succeed in the course. Part of the Cengage Empowerment Series, the fourth edition is up to date and thoroughly integrates the core competencies and recommended practice behaviors outlined in the current Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS) set by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

The Thirteenth Edition of Babbie's *THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL RESEARCH* gives students the tools they need to apply research concepts practically, as both researchers and consumers. Known as the gold standard for research methods, the book offers a comprehensive, straightforward introduction to the field of research as practiced by social scientists. Babbie emphasizes the research process by showing students how to design and construct projects, introducing the various observation modes in use today, and answering questions about research methods--such as how to conduct online surveys and analyze both qualitative and quantitative data. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Fundamentals of Social Work Research

Techniques and Procedures for Developing Grounded Theory

Introduction to Social Research

Practice of Social Research

An Applied Guide for the Scholar-Practitioner

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This book offers a comprehensive and well-rounded view of research as a tool for problem-solving in the wide range of the social sciences. It is built on the foundation of philosophical pragmatism, postulating that the value of knowledge and research methodologies lie in their usefulness in engaging with the real world. The book synthesizes both positivist and non-positivist methodologies. It is meant for students who are undertaking their first research course or project. The techniques, while basic in nature, are used in many masters and doctoral research studies. The book uses engaging language, real-life examples from various subject areas and follows an inductive approach. With the help of this book, from an experiential base, students should be able to build a more advanced conceptual and theoretical understanding of research through further reading and practice. This book discusses a policy-applied-pure-action model of research covering both quantitative and qualitative methods for case study, survey and experimental designs. It pays considerable attention to measurement principles and to data analysis techniques that make practical use of Microsoft Excel for analysis of both words and numbers. It includes a building block approach to writing, as well as the author's thoughts on application of research in the real world.

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Designing Social Research

Practicing Social Research

The Basics of Social Research

Basics of Qualitative Research

Basic Research Methods

This student supplement includes learning objectives, chapter summaries, key terms, matching exercises, multiple-choice review questions, discussion questions, and practice exercises and problems which involve analysis of data from the General Social Surveys using SPSS, MicroCase or other statistical software programs. It also includes a General Social Survey appendix and an appendix of answers to the multiple-choice and matching exercises.

Helps students understand what research can and cannot do, become better consumers of research, and learn why properly conducted research is important. This text teaches students to be a better consumer of research results, understand how the research enterprise works, and prepares them to conduct small research projects. Upon completing this text, students will be aware of what research can and cannot do, and why properly conducted research is important. Using clear, accessible language and examples from real research, this discusses both qualitative and quantitative approaches to social research, emphasizing the benefits of combining various approaches. Briefer, paperback text, adapted from Neuman's Social Research Methods, Sixth Edition.

This book focuses on small-scale quantitative surveys studying the relationships between variables. After showing the central place of the quantitative survey in social science research methodology, it then takes a simple model of the survey, describes its elements and gives a set of steps and guidelines for implementing each element.

This open educational resource is currently in development. Please be aware that there might be updates throughout the semester as we continue adding and editing content, testing for accessibility, and incorporating feedback from pilot semester(s). If you need an accessibility accommodation or have questions about the use of this text, please contact OER services at pressbooks@uta.edu As an introductory textbook for social work students studying research methods, this book covers various aspects of quantitative or qualitative research design. This text is currently in the pilot stage Fall 2019 with an anticipated publication date of January 2020. We recommend that you use the Chrome web browser at this time. Please be aware that there might be some cosmetic tweaks throughout the semester as we continue testing for browser support, accessibility, and export types.

The Basics of Communication Research

An African Perspective

Basic Statistics for Social Research

Social Science Research

EBOOK: The Good Research Guide: For Small-Scale Social Research Projects

The Second Edition of this best-selling textbook continues to offer immensely practical advice and technical expertise that will aid researchers in analyzing and interpreting their collected data, and ultimately build theory from it. The authors provide a step-by-step guide to the research act. Full of definitions and illustrative examples, the book presents criteria for evaluating a study as well as responses to common questions posed by students of qualitative research.

With the rapid growth of collaborative, indigenous, and community-based research, one of the key challenges researchers face is finding an effective way of involving non-researchers in the research process. Do It Yourself Social Research has been a best-selling methodology guide for action research projects and community groups in Australia for almost three decades. Always emphasizing the importance of a spirit of inquiry, it demystifies the research process, covering where to start, how to manage a research project, what methods, techniques and resources to use, and interpretation, analysis and reporting. This third edition has been thoroughly revised, adding the use of narrative and dialogue in research, rich

research design, and what digital technology can (and can't) contribute to the research process. With its hands-on, no-nonsense approach, **Do It Yourself Social Research** is an essential resource for community groups, college students, and other novice researchers in health, social welfare, education and related areas.

Arthur L. Stinchcombe has earned a reputation as a leading practitioner of methodology in sociology and related disciplines. Throughout his distinguished career he has championed the idea that to be an effective sociologist, one must use many methods. This incisive work introduces students to the logic of those methods. **The Logic of Social Research** orients students to a set of logical problems that all methods must address to study social causation. Almost all sociological theory asserts that some social conditions produce other social conditions, but the theoretical links between causes and effects are not easily supported by observation. Observations cannot directly show causation, but they can reject or support causal theories with different degrees of credibility. As a result, sociologists have created four main types of methods that Stinchcombe terms quantitative, historical, ethnographic, and experimental to support their theories. Each method has value, and each has its uses for different research purposes. Accessible and astute, **The Logic of Social Research** offers an image of what sociology is, what it's all about, and what the craft of the sociologist consists of.

The Basics