

## Tutorial Sites for Non-Library Research Methods

Many students attempt non-library, primary research methods such as case studies, surveys, and interviews. They may try this before taking a research methods course. It may be helpful for those students to learn these skills from some of the excellent free online tutorials, such as the following.

If students are reluctant to do the tutorials alone, encourage them to buddy up!

### Non-Library Research Methods Tutorials for all subject areas

**A free course in basic research methods, for individual or group:**

<http://www.itrainonline.org/itrainonline/mmtk/research.shtml>

**Research Methods Database:** free comprehensive web-based textbook that addresses all of the topics in a typical introductory undergraduate or graduate course in social research methods. <http://www.socialresearchmethods.net/kb/index.htm>

#### How to do Statistical Research Tutorial

<http://www.library.american.edu/Help/tutorials/stats/index.html> covers

- What is Statistical Research?
- Construct Validity
- Information Availability
- Types of Numeric Data
- Independent and Dependent Variables

### Non-Library Management Research Methods Tutorials

**Basic Business Research Methods Tutorials** (probably applicable to non-business needs) at

<http://managementhelp.org/businessresearch/index.htm> Includes:

- [Planning Your Research](#)
- [Selecting Which Business Method to Use](#)
- [How to Select From Among Public Data Collection Tools](#)
- [Method: Appreciative Inquiry](#)
- [Method: Case Study Design](#)
- [Method: Focus Groups](#)
- [Method: Interview Design](#)
- [Method: Listening](#)
- [Method: Questioning \(face to face\)](#)
- [Method: Questionnaires](#)
- [Method: Surveys](#)
- [Analyzing, Interpreting and Reporting Results](#)

[General Information and Resources](#)

[Ethics and Conducting Research](#)

### Non-Library Counseling/Psychology/Education and Other Behavioral, Social, and Natural Sciences Tutorials

**Research Methods in the Social and Natural Sciences tutorial**

[http://www.mcli.dist.maricopa.edu/proj/res\\_meth/index.html](http://www.mcli.dist.maricopa.edu/proj/res_meth/index.html) covers five research methods:

- Experimental

- Correlation
- Natural Observation
- Survey
- Case Study

**Center for Psychology Resources: Research Methods Tutorial**

<http://psych.athabascau.ca/html/aupr/tools.shtml>

**Non-Library Education Research Methods Tutorials**

**Education Research Tutorial: A Policy Maker's Primer on Education Research**

<http://www.ecs.org/html/educationissues/research/primer/aboutprimer.asp>

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