

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY (MA)

We believe that data tells the story of the human experience. In Loyola's Research Methodology Program, we look at numbers in context. Unlike in math or statistics, where a number is the final answer, we know that numbers tell a story. We challenge our students to use data to highlight the systematic and personal characteristics that contribute to social inequities and leverage the findings to devise ways to offset those inequities.

Related Programs

Doctoral

- Counseling Psychology (PhD) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/graduate-school/education/counseling-psychology-phd/>)
- Research Methodology (PhD) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/graduate-school/education/research-methodology-phd/>)

Combined

- School Psychology (MEd/EdS) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/dual-degree-programs/school-psychology-med-eds/>)

Curriculum

The Master of Arts in Research Methodology requires 30 credit hours. Students may also choose to write a master's thesis.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Required Courses</i>		
RMTD 400	Introduction to Research Methodology	3
RMTD 404	Introduction to Educational Statistics	3
RMTD 420	Educational Research I: Building a Body of Evidence With Qualitative Method ¹	3
RMTD 421	Educational Research II: Building a Body of Evidence Quantitative Method	3
<i>Select Six Electives</i> ²		18
Total Hours		30

¹ RMTD 420 Educational Research I: Building a Body of Evidence With Qualitative Method and RMTD 421 Educational Research II: Building a Body of Evidence Quantitative Method will fulfill the responsible conduct of research and scholarship requirement for students who compose a thesis.

² At least one elective (3 credit hours) must be taken in a substantive area of the social sciences with approval from the student's advisor. This course is usually in the area that the student would like to apply research methods (e.g. Higher Education, Social Work, or Curriculum and Instruction).

Thesis Option

Students can choose to complete a thesis as part of their electives. Students completing a thesis can focus on the application of methods

to a substantive area (higher education, social work, curriculum and instruction, etc.) or an investigation of methods.

Graduate & Professional Standards and Regulations

Students in graduate and professional programs can find their Academic Policies in Graduate and Professional Academic Standards and Regulations (<https://catalog.luc.edu/academic-standards-regulations/graduate-professional/>) under their school. Any additional University Policies supersede school policies.

Learning Outcomes

- You will be able to critically evaluate bodies of knowledge from a variety of methodological traditions, use a variety of software programs to implement analyses, and assist with all stages of a research study in applied settings.