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This guide features NCU Library resources for studying and planning research methods and design.

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Once you are well into your literature review, it is time to start thinking about the study you will design to answer the gap you identified. Which methodology will you use to gather the data for your research? Will you use a qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods methodology? You will choose a research method that best aligns with your research question.

To evaluate which type of methodology will be most appropriate, you will work closely with your Dissertation Chair. However, as you are reading the literature, take a look at past studies that focus on your topic, or a similar topic. What kind of research methodology do you see being used most often? Once you have an idea about the general methodology type that would suit your research, consult with your Dissertation Chair on the possibility of using that methodology.

Finding a research design strategy is similar to the research process as a whole: first, locate general information on research design and methodologies, then gain background knowledge on the methodology you feel would most appropriately address the type of data you will be collecting, and finally choose a methodology and test/measurement to use in your research. The following techniques outline how to locate information about research methodology from reference books, scholarly articles and dissertations.

- **NCU Definition of Terms**

In order to support your understanding and progress as a scholar, the School of Education has established the following definitions for each of these terms. These definitions are informed by the SAGE Resource Methods Map.

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• **SAGE Research Methods**     

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SAGE Research Methods

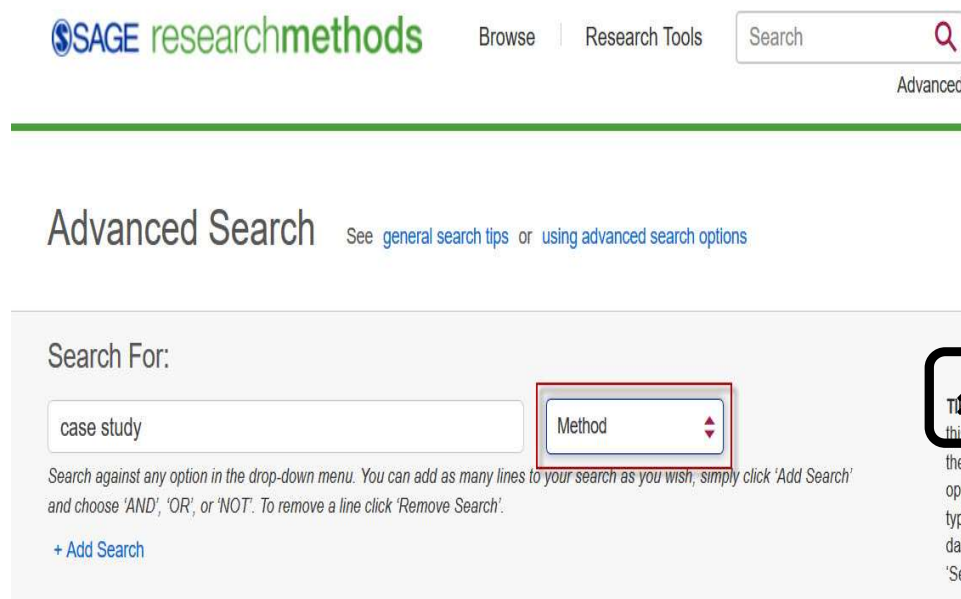
A tool designed to help you create research projects and understand the methods behind them. Includes over 1,400 methods that are linked to content in over 640 books, encyclopedias, and videos. Full-text available.

- **SAGE Research Methods Title List**

The **SAGE Research Methods** database may be used to locate information about research design and methodology. It includes over 175,000 pages of content from the following sources: encyclopedias, dictionaries, books, journal articles, videos, and major works--resources that bring together the seminal articles about that particular methodology. For a complete list of titles in SAGE Research Methods, please see the **SAGE Research Methods Title List**.

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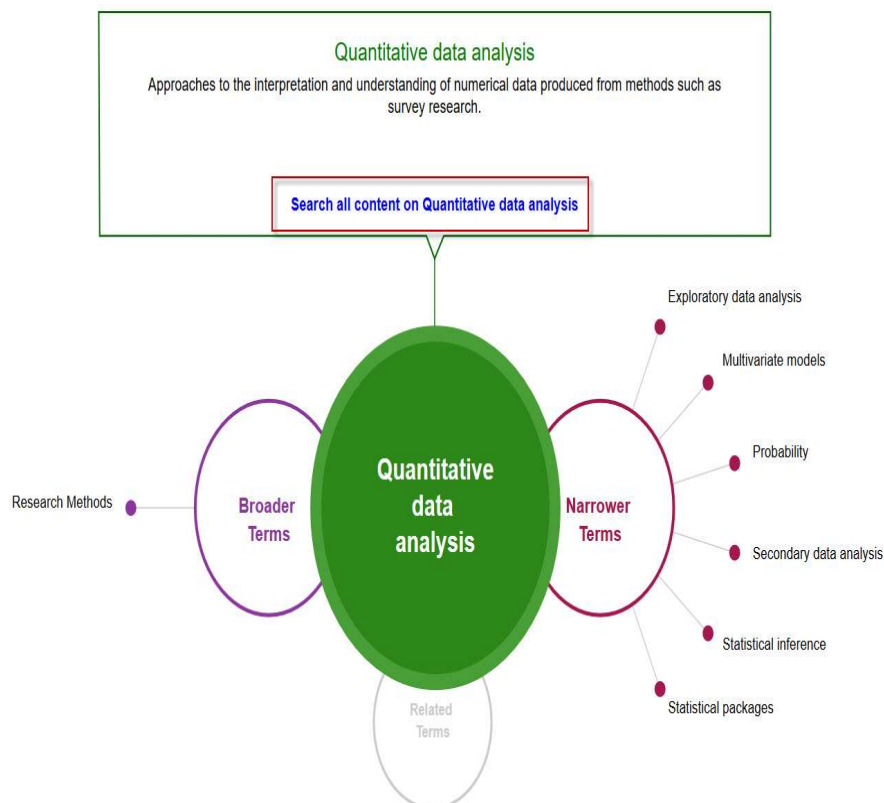
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Finally, you can use the **Methods Map** (under the **Research Tools** link) to discover new methods, or discover relationships between methods, and then link to related results. For example, browsing by Quantitative Data Analysis has led us to 97 results. You may click link to view results, or continue making selections.



For additional guidance, see the **SAGE Research Methods workshop**.

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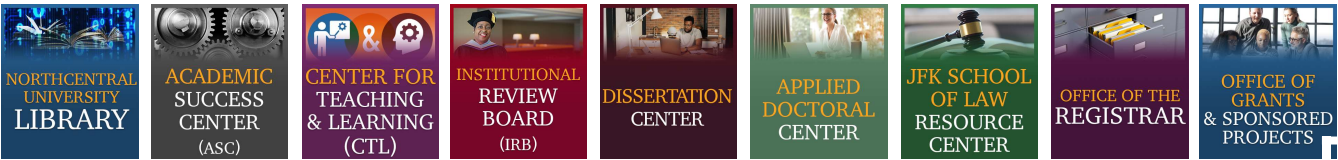


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