Session outline

• Introduction to SAGE Research Methods
• Platform demonstration: finding content and using tools
• Interactive activity to help you explore the platform on a Research Methods topic of your choice
• Final questions and session round-up
SAGE Research Methods is a database containing over 4,700 resources, dedicated to the subject area of Research Methods. It supports all stages of the research process from: writing a research question, conducting a literature review, choosing the best research methods, analysing data, to writing up your results and thinking about publication.
Content

• Content is written by researchers, who largely are research methods faculty from a broad range of disciplines.
• Content is checked for quality by experts.
**SAGE Research Methods Core**
- 1000+ books, reference works, journal articles, and 75 videos.
- Project Planner
- Research tools

**SAGE Research Methods Datasets**
- 232 datasets (Datasets 1)
- 163 datasets (Datasets 2)*
- Research tools

**Datasets** are sample datasets that can be used to support the teaching and independent learning of quantitative and qualitative analytical methods.

**SAGE Research Methods Video: Practical Research & Academic Skills**
- 61+ hours of video (442 videos)
- Research tools

**Streaming video collection** covering the practical skills needed to successfully conduct original research.

**SAGE Research Methods Cases**
- 676 case studies (Cases 1)
- 1300+ case studies (Cases 2)
- Research tools

**Cases** are detailed records of how real research projects were conducted, showing the challenges and successes of doing research, written by the researchers themselves.

**SAGE Research Methods Video: Data Science, Big Data Analytics, & Digital Methods**
- 216 videos*
- Research tools

**Streaming video collection** covering a range of data science methods, the issues and challenges of using big data and digital methods, and the intersection of computer science and the social sciences.

**SAGE Research Methods Video**
- 120+ hours of video (484 videos)
- Research tools

**Streaming video collection** that brings research methods to life, covering the full research methods and statistics curriculum.
SAGE Research Methods Core

Books, Reference, Journal articles and 60+ Videos.

Books – comes in 5 categories:
• Books – full digital versions of print text
• Handbooks – comprehensive coverage of specific subjects
• Little Blue Books – in-depth guide on specific qualitative research methods
• Little Green Books – in-depth guide on specific quantitative research methods
• Major Works – volumes of curated book and journal content that address particular methods of research

Reference – comes in 2 categories:
• Dictionary – quick definitions of research methods concepts.
• Encyclopaedia – longer definitions with more context.
SAGE Research Methods and the research process
Writing your research question

Choosing your methods

Carrying out your research

Analysing your results

Writing up your findings

Thinking about publication

‘Developing a researchable question’ (Project Planner)

‘Research question’ (Encyclopaedia Entry from The SAGE Encyclopaedia of Qualitative Research Methods)

‘Choosing Among Methods’ (Book Chapter from Needs Analysis)

“How do I choose between different methods?” (Video)

‘Conversation Analysis and Discourse Analysis’ (Book)

‘Discourse Analysis’ (Methods Map)

Doing interviews (Book)

“How should a real time online interview be incorporated into a research design?” (Video)

‘The Life Story Interview’ (Little Blue Book)

Writing for publication (Book)

‘Publication and Dissemination’ (Book Chapter from Participatory Research with Children and Young People)

‘Writing Up’ (Project Planner)

The Essential Guide to Postgraduate Study (Book)
To access the resources listed on the previous slide:

https://methods.sagepub.com/reading-lists/the-research-process-core/34501
SAGE Research Methods in practice:

helping researchers learn how to conduct a literature review
‘Literature reviews’: Entry from the Encyclopedia of Research Design

Literature reviews can vary along at least seven dimensions...

Focus
Goals
Perspective
Coverage
Organization
Methods of Synthesis
Audience

How to use this resource

• If this is their first literature review, ask students to use Card’s seven dimensions as the structuring framework or starting point of the review to actively engage them in the process.
• Ask students to annotate a real literature review according to Card’s seven dimensions.
• Ask students to focus on one dimension and review a small number of literature reviews, critically analysing different approaches.
• Ask students to critique their own work (perhaps a literature review they have written before).
‘Literature reviews and bibliographic searches’: Book Chapter from Doing Development Research

Highlights of this resource

- The literature map
- Dos and don’ts for the literature review process
- Provides common mistakes to help students avoid them
- Comparisons of good and bad examples of literature reviews
- Strategies for evaluating different types of resources (critical thinking)
- Discussion questions encourage students to reflect on what they’ve read
- Written in an easy-to-understand format, but information and tips are relevant to all students and researchers
To access the resources on literature reviews:

https://methods.sagepub.com/reading-lists/literature-reviews-core/37203
SAGE Research Methods platform:
methods.sagepub.com
SAGE Research Methods in practice:

Activity

https://app.box.com/s/est1s76nwm06rfvkjcdls94dlyc0of2e
# Activity: Resources for ‘literature review’

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<td>‘Literature reviews’ Entry from the Encyclopedia of Research Design</td>
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<td>The resource shows that literature reviews can vary along at least 7 dimensions. Thinking about these dimensions helps to make the literature review less daunting, and for the research questions and aims to be thought about critically.</td>
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<td>Video – Segment 2 ‘Do I Do My Literature Review Before I Decide on Which Methods I’ll Use?’ in Research Design</td>
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<td>Helps students and researchers to understand the role and position of the literature review in the whole research process.</td>
<td>The author talks about the concept of social class, in relation to the literature review and research design, which helps to give an understanding about how this is applied to a real topic. This video could be used to help students and researchers break down their own topic into more manageable sections.</td>
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Want to learn more?

If you’d like to learn more about SAGE Research Methods, we recommend the following resources from our Training Resource Centre:
Please may I invite you to: **complete our short survey**

I would really appreciate your thoughts, to ensure our training is as effective and beneficial as possible to our customers.
Thank you for listening!

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