

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY, GRADUATE MINOR

Saint Louis University offers a graduate minor in research methodology is offered designed to provide students with a background in advanced analysis and methods.

Administered through Saint Louis University's Department of Sociology and Anthropology, the minor is open to all students and can be tailored to meet students' own disciplinary program needs.

Elements of the minor are developed by consensus between students, their advisor/mentor and the graduate director in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Curriculum Overview

SLU's graduate minor in research methodology consists of (with prerequisites) five courses: a basic, quantitative statistics/analysis course; two advanced quantitative analysis courses; and two advanced research methodology courses.

Students may petition for the inclusion of additional courses by submitting a copy of the syllabus for such courses. Upon approval, these courses can also be included in the minor. At least 80 percent of the courses included in the minor must be taken at Saint Louis University and all courses must be graded courses (i.e. no pass/fail or satisfactory/unsatisfactory coursework will be accepted).

Admission Requirements

To be admitted to this minor program, students must be seeking a degree in a Saint Louis University graduate program. Once all academic plan forms are signed and courses completed through the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, a petition to amend the minor field will be submitted to the associate graduate dean/director of the college, school, or center appropriate for the student, who will sign and file the form with the registrar. Upon completion, it will be noted as a "Minor in Research Methodology" on the academic transcript.

Students are encouraged to discuss the possibilities of the minor with their advisor/mentor, or they can contact the graduate director in Department of Sociology and Anthropology, allowing them to build a minor that is best suited for their own needs and the goals in their major program.

Requirements

The research methodology minor is administered through the College of Arts and Sciences. It is composed of at least 15 credits that include a basic statistical analysis course, two courses in advanced analysis and two courses in advanced methodology.

Courses that fulfill these categories come from a wide variety of departments across the University.

- **Cluster I:** Core course. All students must take an introductory inferential statistics course.
- **Cluster II:** Advanced statistics/analysis courses. A student would select at least two courses from this cluster.
- **Cluster III:** Advanced methodology and design courses. A student would select at least two courses from this cluster.

While 15 credits are required, students may take more courses and get credit for them. In order for the minor to be listed on an official University transcript, students must complete the Petition to Amend.

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.