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Educational Research: Competencies For Analysis And Applications (10th Edition)



Synopsis

Students often fear the educational research course. Don't worry. This book is famous for its lack of jargon, for its clear and concrete explanations, and its light (often funny) tone. As you read the book, you will build skills that you need to read educational research and produce your own. The book will help guide you through each step in creating your own research report. You can compare your work with the example published research articles in every methods chapter. In addition, the new Digital Research Tools for the 21st Century feature introduces novel tools and methods you can use to make the process of doing research easier or more efficient like using speech recognition programs to save time transcribing interviews (Chapter 15), using flip cameras and Skype to collect qualitative data (Chapter 14), and using management programs to organize citations (Chapter 21).

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I bought the Kindle edition of this book for a course on Educational Research. I do not enjoy reading but this book is interesting and easy to read. The Kindle Edition appears to be lacking in some respects since you can not go directly to the Table of Contents or the beginning of the book. There is, however, a document navigation (under View) and a search option and you can view your bookmarks and highlights. The document navigation will take you directly to each area of the book including the index. Clicking on a name in the index will also take you to the appropriate area of the book.

I sure wish my professors had recommended this book during the first 3 years of my doctoral studies. The required texts were confusing and useless. As I prepared to begin my dissertation research I felt totally unsure as to how to organize my data . . . this text answered all my questions in a simple straight forward method. It is the only book you will need for any educational research. It saved me time and my sanity. If you're in a masters or doctoral program get this book. You won't be sorry.

Although the authors refer to this text as being for undergraduate students, it does work well in our graduate programs. With most of our students having very limited (if any) formal research background, we were looking for a text which approached things from a perspective that was informative yet easy-to-follow. This text has good structure, and the order in which material is presented is very much aligned with the actual process of conducting research. My only issue with the book is that they approach the Review of Literature as a subsection of Chapter 1 in the research proposal, when nearly every thesis or dissertation has the Review of Literature as an entirely different chapter. The method approached by the text is typical with some research manuscripts for journal publication, but not necessarily for the actual research proposal. I have utilized the 8th & 9th versions of this text in previous years, and have found the updates made in the 10th edition to be very well done. A bit deceiving by the cover, this book is valid for all educational programs (not just those that are K-12 related). The supplemental materials (specifically the online Blackboard-compatible exams) are a big help, as this course is extremely time consuming to teach/facilitate. I highly recommend this text.

As with most college/graduate texts, it is nearly impossible to really cover all of the material in one semester. I used this text in graduate school, and while I learned a lot at the time, because the pace was so brisk, retention was a problem. Professors must realize that for students to have a thorough understanding of the contents, it must be covered in detail. Attempts to finish the book in a semester will lead to confused students who do not master the material. In research courses broken down into part 1 and part 2, for a full year of research methodology, this book is the one to choose. I've had graduate methods courses in more than one discipline, and this books ranks a close second to Earl Babbie's book. This one is much more suited to education. The cost is a huge downside.

easy book to read; especially for those that do not enjoy quantitative terms. but too expensive. if you

can get older version, only some minor changes, or the international version do it!!

I had to use this textbook for a master's class in educational research. Compared to my professor, I thought this book was really helpful. Compared to other textbooks, I still felt it a little confusing at times. It throws a lot of vocab at you, but it does include some interesting sample research articles. This, I think, is a real strong point of the book. It's nice to be able to look at real examples of research without needing to access a research database. All told, I would say this does the best it can to make a really boring subject somewhat interesting/understandable.

Learning how to decipher the technical jargon surrounding research is never easy. This book makes it easy. Along with thorough explanations and an abundance of examples, there is a bit of humor tossed in. The humor helps break up the intense explanations. There are also many charts and graphs that help synthesize the information into an easy learning format. I would recommend this book for anyone who has to learn about research.

Very disappointed since it is not a complete text and has three chapters omitted in comparison to the hardcover, despite the fact that the authors, title, and edition are all the same. Not cool when I am responsible for the book in its entirety for my class. I had already highlighted chapter one before I realized. Seller did deliver faster than expected and it was a new book rather than used like I was expecting- just will not work for my class. Way more trouble than what the hardcover price would have been. Seller needs to advertise what their product truly is- an incomplete textbook.

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