

- The Methods Service Center provides an advisory service. We help you find solutions to problems you encounter while planning and carrying out empirical research projects, but we do not actively participate in your project work.
- Where applicable, the Methods Service Center recommends courses on data collection and data analysis (including computer-aided methods) for acquisition of the required skills. The advice that we provide on specific problems with the research process is designed to **help you solve the problems yourself**.
- The Methods Service Center only provides advice on **general aspects of planning and carrying out** empirical research projects. If you require advice on the content, you should contact the subject advisors or your thesis supervisor. The Methods Service Center offers to work closely with supervisors to avoid misunderstandings.
- The advice provided by the Methods Service Center is **non-binding**. Whether you wish to follow the suggestions is your decision and your responsibility. For thesis work, we recommend you discuss our recommendations with your supervisor.



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Methods Service Center

Advice at all stages
of the research process

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General information



The Methods Service Center was established in the 2016 summer semester to provide advice on planning and conducting empirical research projects. Its services are aimed at all **students, doctoral candidates, and habilitation candidates** at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt who are in the process of planning or carrying out an empirical research project, including those conducting research in the context of a final thesis.

We are here to help with **questions or problems** related to your empirical project, whether it is about choosing the right data collection methods or how to log and analyze your data.

We provide advice at **all stages of the research process**:

- Formulating a research question and determining the design of the project
- Choosing data collection methods
- Developing data collection tools
- Choosing data analysis methods, including computer-aided methods

Advice



- Please refer to our homepage for consultation appointments (www.ku.de/ggf/soziologie/servicestelle-methoden).
- Please contact the Methods Service Center by e-mail (servicestelle-methoden@ku.de) for arranging an appointment.

Research Data

The Methods Service Center provides guidance on research data and research data management in cooperation with the Advisory Center for Research Data Management (FDM-Beratungsstelle) at KU.



Basic courses and training

Basic courses in methods of empirical social research and statistics

The Methods Service Center offers basic courses on methods of empirical social research and statistics. They are designed for KU students whose degree programs do not include courses on these methods, as well as doctoral candidates and habilitation candidates at the University who need to use these methods in their thesis research projects. The following modules are currently available (taught in German):

- Quantitative Methods of Empirical Social Research (module no. 82-500-SOZ04-H-0915, winter semester)
- Methods of Data Analysis I (module no. 82-500-SOZ25-H-0915, summer semester)
- Methods of Data Analysis II (module no. 82-500-SOZ26-H-0915, winter semester)
- Qualitative Methods of Empirical Social Research (module no. 82-500-SOZ07-H-0915, winter semester)

Training

the Methods Service Center offers the following training sessions in collaboration with the KU Graduate Center:

- Introduction to Computer-assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI)
- Introduction to Web-based Survey Research (using Unipark)