

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

MA DEGREE • PhD DEGREE • MEASUREMENT AND QUANTITATIVE
METHODOLOGY CERTIFICATE • ORGANIZATIONAL EVALUATION CERTIFICATE

Loyola's graduate program in Research Methodology will prepare you to make a critical examination and analysis of research and evaluation in education and the social sciences.

MA IN RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Individuals considering careers in institutional research, testing companies, medical centers, and research firms as data analysts, researchers, test developers, and program evaluators may wish to select the MA degree. This degree is also appropriate for individuals who seek future doctoral study, as an optional thesis requirement offers an opportunity to conduct independent research. The MA program is best suited for students familiar with educational research. *This degree is conferred by the Graduate School.*

PHD IN RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The PhD program focuses on the philosophical and ethical basis of research in the social sciences and develops expertise in a variety of research methodologies. PhD candidates have great latitude in developing an individualized program emphasizing a broad range of research methods. Our students bring a variety of experiences to their classes, informed by an interest in conducting research in education and the social sciences. *This degree is conferred by the Graduate School.*

MEASUREMENT AND QUANTITATIVE METHODOLOGY CERTIFICATE

This program offers you an opportunity to enhance your expertise in applying measurement and quantitative techniques in a research setting. This certificate is ideal for current graduate students looking for careers in an academic setting (e.g., faculty and post-doc positions) and professionals who want to improve their marketability in research-related careers (e.g., testing companies, research institutes, and medical centers).

ORGANIZATIONAL EVALUATION CERTIFICATE

The Organizational Evaluation program will prepare you to develop your evaluation skills—the process of collecting data to enhance knowledge and improve decision making. The program is ideal for current graduate students and professionals pursuing careers in school districts, social service organizations, training organizations, and non-profits.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- The degrees offer full-time enrollment.
Average time to completion (full time): 1.5–5 years
- The degrees offer part-time enrollment.
Average time to completion (full time): 2–5 years
- The certificates offer full-time enrollment.
Average time to completion (full time): 1 year
- The certificates offer part-time enrollment.
Average time to completion (full time): 1.5 years

Classes are offered during the late afternoon or early evening hours.

INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

The MA degree has an optional thesis requirement and the PhD degree requires a dissertation.

EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

MA IN RESEARCH METHODOLOGY: Upon graduation, you can look forward to a number of evaluation and research-related positions in school districts, private foundations, research firms, social service organizations, testing companies, human resources and training departments, and professional and not-for-profit organizations. Graduates work for colleges and universities in institutional research and information technology positions. Graduates may also pursue PhD study at Loyola University Chicago or another institution.

PHD IN RESEARCH METHODOLOGY: After you complete your PhD, you may explore positions in education or related departments at post-secondary institutions. In addition, the PhD degree qualifies you to work in various research- or evaluation-related associations such as the American Institutes for Research (AIR).

MEASUREMENT AND QUANTITATIVE METHODOLOGY CERTIFICATE: This certificate will equip you with cutting edge quantitative techniques useful in a variety of applied and academic research settings.

ORGANIZATIONAL EVALUATION CERTIFICATE: This certificate will help prepare you to become an evaluator and change agent in a range of organizations such as schools and non-profit agencies.

Career services are available at LUC.edu/career.

PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

Loyola University Chicago's School of Education serves more than 1,000 graduate students enrolled in master's degree, educational specialist, certificate, and doctoral programs. The school prepares professionals in the service of social justice and promotes the Jesuit ideals of quality, intellectual rigor, and service to others.

The School of Education is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), now the Council for the Accreditation for Educator Preparation (CAEP).

FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.

Learn more about the financial aid process at LUC.edu/education/financialaid.

LEARN MORE

APPLICATION INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

gpem.LUC.edu/apply

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