

Progress checklist: Sociological research methods

Name:

How confident are you in your understanding of each of the following topic areas? For each topic area, place a tick (✓) in the appropriate box and then add a written comment about your particular strengths or any areas that you need to develop. Also note down any questions or points that you would like to discuss with your teacher.

Topic area	Very confident	Quite confident	Not at all confident	Comments
Stages of the research process				
Theoretical influences on choice of method				
Pilot studies				
Sampling techniques				
Uses, advantages and limitations of surveys				
Uses, advantages and limitations of structured interviews				
Uses, advantages and limitations of in-depth interviews				
Uses, advantages and limitations of group interviews				
Uses, advantages and limitations of longitudinal studies				
Uses, advantages and limitations of participant observation				
Uses, advantages and limitations of non-participant observation				
Uses, advantages and limitations of quantitative secondary data				
Uses, advantages and limitations of qualitative secondary data				
Ethical issues in research				
Links between sociology, social policies and social problems				