

**Research Methods (HDFS 3390),  
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**Conducting a Research Study**

<b>Initiation</b>	<b>Three Crucial Issues</b>	<b>Later Stages</b>
<b>Ideas</b> <b>Prior Literature</b> <b>Conceptual Basis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Theories</b></li><li>• <b>Hypothesis Generation</b></li></ul> <b>Ethical Issues/IRB Approval</b>	<b>Measurement</b> <b>Sampling</b> <b>Causal Inference</b>	<b>Statistical Analyses</b> <b>Write-up of Results</b> <b>Publication</b>

Video: "[A Survey in 10 Steps](#)" (Elon University)

"[Writing a Research Proposal](#)" (University of Southern California)

Webpages for selected projects related to HDFS, describing steps involved in carrying out the studies:

- [Monitoring the Future](#) study of high school seniors' drug use (Univ. of Michigan)
- [Common Cold Project](#), seeing if stressful life experiences make us sick (Carnegie Mellon University)