

Research Methods in Writing

Research Methods in Writing is an introduction to methods in the field of composition and technical communication. We will read broadly to understand the theoretical questions, research practices, applications, and innovations that shape research conducted about writing. Because this field is inherently interdisciplinary, we will consider and practice methods that draw from social sciences, rhetorical theory, feminist historiography, discourse theory, and more. Methods are a set of practical tools, but they also come with inherent ethical, political, and social consequences. Through this course, students will gain both a theoretical and practical understanding of methodologies in the field and how they allow researchers to gather, analyze, and discuss different kinds of data.