

Train with the **experts** in bridging the gap
between data and social policy & practice



Methods for Social Analysis and Statistics program

Social data is a powerful resource for providing insights into the factors that shape people's lives. A solid understanding of techniques for analysing social data and the interpretation of results ensures that policies and practices are based on evidence. The Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR) shares its statistical and qualitative data analysis expertise with policy makers and practitioners through the flagship training program, Methods for Social Analysis and Statistics (MFSAS).

The program is designed for those who need to use, understand, and interpret quantitative and/or qualitative data, and who may not necessarily have a background or training in statistics or qualitative analysis.

[Download MFSAS brochure](#)

MFSAS CUSTOM COURSE AND GROUP BOOKINGS

Co-design a customised MFSAS training course for your organisation

ISSR will help you produce research methods and evidence-based approaches to support the design, implementation and evaluation of research projects, policy and programs. We can customise our course content for your group's research training needs, potentially working on your organisation's specific research problems and data. Group courses can be held at your location, online or at ISSR's training facilities.

To discuss group and custom training options please contact issr.education@uq.edu.au.



CAPABILITY TRAINING

Customised capability training for organisations

ISSR's team of research experts will work closely with your staff to build their capability while undertaking project work specific to your organisation. We work with organisations to develop evaluation frameworks and survey instruments, and to undertake data analysis including quantitative, qualitative and economic (e.g., cost benefit analysis). We design completely customised experiences to ensure your workforce develops relevant and valuable skills and gains the most possible benefit from their training.

Please contact issr.education@uq.edu.au to discuss how our researchers can help build capability in your organisation.

MFSAS TRAINING CALENDAR 2022

Gathering and Analysing Qualitative Data

This three-day course will provide you with qualitative skills to design, collect, analyse and make evidenced-informed decisions based on qualitative data or qualitative data integrated with quantitative data (mixed methods). This course has an experiential design, providing opportunities to practice the skills learnt to undertake interviews, focus groups or visual methods and obtain feedback from the trainers in a supportive environment. The trainers have extensive research experience and use this experience to provide real world examples of how this method is applied in practice to collect large scale qualitative data and how to understand the results from administrative or survey data by investigating these findings in more depth through qualitative methods. [Read more here](#)

ONLINE DELIVERY via Zoom

Tuesday, 17 May - Thursday, 19 May 2022

FACE TO FACE DELIVERY at ISSR, Long Pocket Precinct

Monday, 24 October - Wednesday, 26 October 2022



Program Evaluation

This two-day introduction to Program Evaluation introduces key evaluation concepts and techniques. It provides participants with the foundational skills to plan or commission an evaluation. This course provides foundational knowledge and uses relevant scenarios and focused interactive activities to build practical skills and understanding. [Read more here](#)

ONLINE DELIVERY via Zoom
[Wednesday, 11 May - Thursday, 12 May 2022](#)

FACE TO FACE DELIVERY at ISSR, [Long Pocket Precinct](#)
[Wednesday, 19 October - Thursday, 20 October 2022](#)



Social Cost-Benefit Analysis

This three-day course equips participants with an understanding and working knowledge of the skills required to apply Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) to the appraisal and evaluation of projects, policies, programs and regulations with mainly social costs and benefits. The workshop will cover the potential uses and limitations of cost-benefit analysis (CBA), introduce Social Return on Investment (SROI) analysis, examine the principles and methods underlying CBA and non-market valuation, and provide hands-on exercises to practice the basic skills required to perform CBAs using Excel.

This course does NOT focus on non-economic project evaluation, but rather on the application of financial and economic principles, and analysis to the evaluation of projects, policies etc. with a social focus. [Read more here](#)

ONLINE DELIVERY via Zoom
[Tuesday, 7 June - Thursday, 9 June 2022](#)



Introduction to Longitudinal Data Analysis and Panel Regression Models

This two-day course provides participants with a thorough understanding of the structure, properties and uses of quantitative longitudinal survey datasets, as well the skills to confidently manage and analyse these. It combines comprehensive explanations with hands-on practical sessions using Stata software and data from the Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) Survey. [Read more here](#)

FACE TO FACE DELIVERY at ISSR, [Long Pocket Precinct](#)
[Monday, 16 - Tuesday, 17 May 2022](#)
[Monday, 31 October - Tuesday, 1 November 2022](#)



Modelling Change and Event Occurrence

This two-day course introduces participants to methods for analysing individual change over time and event

occurrence. Theoretical material is combined with examples of applied research using these methods as well as hands-on sessions using Stata software and data from the Longitudinal Study of Australian Children (LSAC). [Read more here](#)

FACE TO FACE DELIVERY at ISSR, [Long Pocket Precinct](#)
Wednesday, 18 - Thursday, 19 May 2022
Wednesday, 2 - Thursday, 3 November 2022



TAKE OUR QUICK SURVEY

Help us understand your training needs

The current MFSAS program consists of 5 courses but we would like to take this opportunity to better understand your training needs. What courses you would like to see offered, whether offering credentials are important to you and/or the organisation in which you work?

We would greatly appreciate if you could take a few minutes and [complete this survey](#).



SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODS

Showcasing real-world examples of research methods and designs in action

ISSR applies developed theories, research designs and research methods to the questions we investigate. We design studies that collect and create new data and information as well as use existing already collected data and information. We showcase these studies in our training courses to provide evidence-based examples of putting social data to work in the real-world.

Learn about our varied research methods including Evaluation Methods (below), just one of the detailed videos featured on our website. This video describes the various types of evaluations and illustrates these using examples from evaluation research conducted in ISSR.

Find this and more detailed videos about our varied approaches on our [website](#).



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