

Specification Area	Covered	Assessment	Revised
The distinction between primary and secondary data, and between quantitative and qualitative data.			
Sources of data including:			
Experiments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lab • Field 			
Questionnaires			
Interviews <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structured • Unstructured • Group 			
Observations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participant • Non-participant 			
Secondary research methods, including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • official statistics, • documents (content analysis, historical documents) 			
The relationship between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • positivism; • interpretivism and sociological methods • nature of social facts 			
The theoretical, practical and ethical considerations influencing choice of topic, choice of method(s) and the conduct of research.			
The application of sociological research methods to the study of education.			