

# Principles of Market Research

Fulfilling the core market research educational needs of individuals and companies worldwide.



## PRINCIPLES OF MARKET RESEARCH

This course is a comprehensive, rigorous, self-study online training program that teaches the fundamental research skills needed to make insightful and informed business decisions. The course is supported by and meets the certification requirements of four industry associations. There are 13 topics:



## PRINCIPLES EXPRESS COURSES

To better meet the needs of today's practitioners, we have created 13 new courses, each focused on a specific topic. Each can be completed at your own pace in 8 to 14 hours.

- Each course has been written by well-known industry experts, such as Ray Poynter of NewMR, Pete Cape and Keith Phillips of Dynata, and Fred John of Consilience Research (see the insert for a list of all the authors).
- Each author added greater interactivity, to enable participants to learn through drag-and-drop exercises, dynamic exhibits, and recorded media.
- The textbook is now optional, reducing a student's cost to take a course, while providing added detail to those who want it. Moving away from the textbook "reorients the overall approach away from an academic viewpoint to one that focuses on solving business problems" (Jackie Lorch, past chair of the curriculum committee).



# BENEFITS

- Advance your career by enhancing your research skills while continuing to work full time.
- **Expand your knowledge** with an interactive online curriculum written by leading market research practitioners from around the world.
- **Bolster your credentials** by earning continuing education credits (CEUs) from UGA. If you take Principles of Market Research, earn a *Certificate of Program Completion*, which you can use to qualify for certification programs offered by four industry associations in the US, Canada, and Australia.
- **Study with the best** in a program that is endorsed by major industry associations and corporations worldwide and meets their certification requirements.
- Learn on your schedule by studying whenever and wherever you are.

## What graduates are saying



"The Principles of Market Research provided me with important additions to my market research tool box."

– Georg Neuschütz, General Motors Europe AG, Switzerland

"The material was very relevant to the changing market research industry." – Aimee Kerstetter, TNS North America, USA

"This course should be a prerequisite for all individuals, especially those working in research and client servicing roles."

– Ross Wahid, Senior Manager DNA Marketing Research, Saudi Arabia

"Everything is presented in manageable portions. The self-tests are brilliant motivators. The human support from my faculty mentor has been first-class."

– Jim Bruce, Customers for Life, Limited, Ireland

"I earn more money and my tasks have become more interesting and challenging by far. I am now considered a real market researcher."

– Marcus Schleiffelder, PSYMA International Medical Marketing Research GmbH, Germany

"The Principles of Market Research helped me broaden my focus by going back to principles that may fade from daily consciousness when working in a specialized research field."

– David Gibson, InterMedia Survey Institute, Washington, D.C., USA

"The course gave me a good basic grasp of market research concepts and the ability to more fluently speak the market research language."

- Nancy Forbes, Market Intelligence Program Manager, International IT Company, USA

"All you need to know about MR combined in one place."

– Alenka Bućan, Slovenia

"If you are curious about terms like Big Data, Machine Learning, Visualisation, trying to better understand how and what secondary data to integrate with primary data, or want to explore further learning and/or career opportunities, then this course is a great source of information that is easy to understand and follow."

- Vineet Kelkar, an experienced supplier-side researcher, Australia

## What corporations are saying

"The Principles of Market Research has been beneficial to many of our employees for 17 years. It provides a great foundation for aspiring "researchers" or anyone remotely involved in the Market Research industry. We highly recommend this program."

- Lisa Weaner, SVP, Retired, MaritzCX

"The flexibility of the program works well for our employees and for management. It's a great tool that you should consider for your organization."

> – Mary P. Klupp, Director, Global Consumer Insights, Retired, Ford Motor Company

"The Principles of Market Research is a development program is a highly effective tool both for those at the start of their career journey or making a career switch to MR, and for those who are in a sales or marketing role but want to improve their insight/ data-driven decision-making capabilities."

- Elys Roberts, CEO, Ipsos Marketing Practices

"The Principles of Market Research is one of the most accessible and respected educational programs in the industry. We will continue to encourage our employees to participate because it makes them better researchers for themselves, 20|20 and our clients."

– Jim Bryson, Chairman, 20|20 Research

#### What industry leaders are saying

"The Insights Association is a proud partner of MRII's education and certification legacy. A solid foundation of knowledge in all aspects of research,

from business needs and impact to design, analytics, and ethics, is what differentiates and advantages people and companies. UGA and MRII provide current, on-demand, modularized, and certificate courses that help companies and individuals ground their work and enable growth."

- Melanie Courtright, CEO, Insights Association

"ESOMAR is proud to be a long-time supporter of the Principles courses, and is honored to contribute to keeping these courses at the forefront of research. As the research industry continuously transforms itself with the adoption of new methods and data sources, a solid foundation in the principles that distinguish good research from bad research is more important than ever, for new entrants and veterans alike."

- Finn Raben, Director General, ESOMAR

#### **INVESTING IN PEOPLE**

Some of the many global organizations that have invested in their people and future success through our courses:

Adelphi Research **B**<sup>3</sup>Intelligence The Coca-Cola Company Confirmit Dynata Eli Lilly and Company FocusVision Ford Motor Company Full Circle IntelliSurvey Interviewing Service of America lpsos Kantar Companies Markelytics MaritzCX Research Merck & Company, Inc. Nationwide Insurance The Nielsen Company Quirk's Media Recollective Researchscape Sawtooth Software Samsung Electronics Co. Socratic Technologies YPulse

#### Founding Organizations



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# New Courses



## Emerging Methods and the Future of Market Research

This online course will provide you with an overview of the latest rapidly-evolving trends in the market research industry. The range of tools and techniques available to market researchers continues to evolve. Some of these tools become standard approaches that are generally accepted by decision-makers as reliable, trusted techniques. Others fade away due

to lack of demonstrated value or become established as niche methods used only in very particular circumstances. The successful consultative research professional needs to know the strengths and weaknesses of all available techniques, the underlying technologies, and when to employ them.



## Course Author: Zoe Dowling - SVP Research, FocusVision

Zoe uses her research expertise to help clients best apply FocusVision's technological solutions. A scholar of innovation, Zoe actively combines traditional and out-of-the-box approaches to adapt effective methodologies to a changing world.

She is a regular speaker at industry conferences, has led workshops leader, and delivered webinars on several different topics relating to digital data collection. She holds a BA in Sociology and Social Policy

from the University of Stirling in Scotland, an M-Phil in Social Research Methodology from the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa, and a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Surrey in England.

## Qualitative Market Research

This course teaches the basics of qualitative research– when to choose it, how to select the most appropriate qualitative method from among the many available, and then the basics of execution. As always, the nature of the business decision to be made dictates how a researcher

designs a study. Some business issues are more exploratory in nature, requiring a broad understanding of a situation and introducing decision-makers to the market's general nature. Others may benefit from a deeper and more thorough understanding of key issues uncovered in prior research. These and similar kinds of research questions may benefit from a qualitative methodology.



#### Course Author: Jeff Walkowski - President/Owner, Qualcore.com, Inc.

Jeff is the principal of QualCore.com Inc., a consulting firm providing traditional and online qualitative market research services to a wide range of industries including health care, financial services, automotive, and information services.

Jeff's specialty is online qualitative, having conducted over 700 online sessions. He has spoken about online qualitative conferences around the globe and published several articles on the subject. Jeff co-chaired the Online Qualitative Research Task Force of the Qualitative Research Consultants Association, co-edited Qualitative Research Online (Research Publishers LLC, 2004). He co-developed a training course to help traditional Moderators adapt their skills to the online environment.

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## Market Research Design and Data Identification

Without a solid design, the execution and delivery of research cannot meet expectations. The research design process starts with identifying the issue a business faces, working to understand challenges and opportunities, and determining the information the business needs to make decisions. Once the business issue is understood and information needs are known,

researchers must develop hypotheses, formulate research questions, decide the best way to achieve the research objectives, and present the plan articulately in a research proposal. This course will enable you to identify the issue a business faces, determine information needs, develop research objectives and hypotheses, and determine the best way to achieve the research objectives.



#### Course Author: Susan Frede - Research Director of Aimpoint Research

Susan Frede is a 30+ year market research veteran. Currently, she is the owner of Frede Research LLC and Research Director at Aimpoint Research. She is focused on research design, survey writing, analysis, and reporting. Frede is a trusted advisor to clients, designing innovative yet practical research solutions to address business needs and strategic

objectives. Versed in the art and science of research analysis and insight generation, she applies optimal techniques to inform better marketing decisions, delivering a compelling story and recommendations to stakeholders. Frede earned her master's degree in adult education from the University of Georgia in 2015. She is an adjunct professor at Northern Kentucky University teaching Consumer Insights.

## Global Market Research

Global market research presents some of the most difficult challenges that market researchers face. It requires that you bring together all of the skills and knowledge you have and apply them across countries and cultures in a single project. To be successful, you need to be both

skilled and nimble. This course provides you a framework and practical tips for designing, conducting, analyzing and using multi-country market research.



# Course Author: Nancy Kramarich - Vice President, Strategy & Research, Anderson DDB Health & Lifestyle

In her 25-year career in market research, Nancy Kramarich has worked on all three sides of the business – in market research companies, in an advertising and communications company, and as a research buyer in Pfizer's pharmaceutical industry – and worked globally in all three roles. Nancy's vast experience in market research includes many types of

studies in a range of categories – from a recent study with Rheumatologists and patients in Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain, Brazil, and the US to a study in Australia and Japan about Canada as a tourist destination.

## Ethical and Legal Issues in Market Research

In this course, you will learn about ethical practices in research and the steps you need to avoid causing harm to research participants. You will learn about personal data and how to how to protect the individual who provided it, whether the data is collected by direct questioning or by passive methods. You will learn

about Privacy by Design and you will learn about the international principles that apply to protecting personal data. You will better understand how these principles are converted into law and built into everyday research practice through self-regulation, based on industry codes and guidelines. The course will introduce you to the leading national and international industry associations and expose you to examples of their ethical codes and guidelines. And finally, the course will cover the international standards that have been developed to help ensure consistent research processes and minimum quality standards when working globally.



**Course Author: Adam Phillips – Managing Director-Real Research** Adam Phillips is a research consultant and Managing Director of Real Research. He was Chairman of the ESOMAR Professional Standards and Public Affairs Committees for 15 years and in 2015 won ESOMAR's prestigious John Downham Award for outstanding achievement and excellence in contributing to the market research industry at an international level. He is a Fellow and past Chairman of the MRS, a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society and currently serves on the

Executive Editorial Board of the International Journal of Market Research.

## Measurement and Questionnaire Design

Questionnaire design is an art and science, informed by a century of ongoing research that must be adapted to each study's circumstances. Researchers have the greatest control over the questionnaire, and the questionnaire has the highest impact on the quality of the results of research. Learn how to write survey

instruments and discussion guides that will lead to quality results.



Course Author: David Ashley – Human Capital Data Analytics Division Manager for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security David leads a division overseeing data analytics and reporting of the 200,000 DHS workforce that includes people across the 10 DHS components. He also serves on the faculties of the George Washington University and at the University of Maryland as an executive in residence teaching in the marketing department and the Quality Enhancement

Systems and Teams (QUEST) honors program at the UMD Smith School of Business. He teaches undergraduate and graduate project & consulting management, applied quantitative methods, and marketing research courses. Additionally, he served as president of the MRII and as president of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the MRA.

#### For more information go to:

marketresearchcourses.org







## **Bundled Course**

This Principles Express+ **bundle** includes three *Principles Express* Courses:

1.Introduction to Data Analysis,

- 2. Advanced Analytic Techniques, and
- 3. Working with Secondary Data: Syndicated and Big Data.

In this unique bundle of three courses, you will learn how to prepare your data for analysis, select the most appropriate statistical methods, and develop an analysis plan to support the business decision that needs to be made. You also will learn about the many secondary data sources now available to you, including the increasing availability of syndicated data and what is popularly referred to as "big data." This online certificate course is IPC approved for 36 hours.

# Introduction to Data Analysis

The data analysis stage is where the researcher reviews the data and focuses. on the elements that will enable the development of insight to inform the business decision to be made. This is achieved through the design and application of a meaningful analysis of the data. In Introduction to Data Analysis, you will learn how to select the most appropriate statistical methods when projecting your findings to the target population and determine whether different groups' measurements are significantly different from each other. It focuses on alternative statistical analysis methods and developing a data analysis plan.

# 2 Advanced Analytic Techniques

#### The Advanced Analytic Techniques

course serves as a primer for some of the more advanced statistical methods you may encounter as a researcher. It teaches the principles that underpin commonly used advanced statistical methods and the questions they can help to answer.

The course first looks at techniques for finding patterns and relationships in data (e.g., Correlation, Factor Analysis, Perceptual Mapping, Segmentation, and Decision Trees). It then extends to techniques that quantify the predictive relationship between a set of variables and a specific outcome, starting with regression and moving through a range of advanced techniques, finishing with a discussion of machine learning and neural networks.



#### Course Author: Ray Poynter - Founder, NewMR.org

Ray has spent the last 35 years at the intersection of innovation, technology, and market research. He is the author of *The Handbook* of *Mobile Market Research, The Handbook of Online and Social Media Research* and the *#IPASOCIALWORKS Guide to Measuring Not Counting.* He also is editor of the ESOMAR book, *Answers to* 

*Contemporary Market Research Questions*, and is the Managing Director of The Future Place, a UK-based consultancy, specializing in training.

## Working with Secondary Data: Syndicated and Big Data

Traditionally, data that is collected for any purpose other than to meet the needs of your particular study is called "secondary" data. However, the definition of secondary data is evolving. Advances in technology are giving researchers access to vast potential sources

of data and information that push the boundary of that definition to include "big data." This course covers three types of secondary data:

- Research data collected for any purpose other than to meet the needs of your particular study.
- Data collected for non-specific research purposes, called "syndicated" or multi-client data
- Data collected for another purpose and subsequently used in research (e.g., social media and other forms of "big data."



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#### Course Author: Bill Bean - Principal, Bean & Associates Consulting

Bill is a senior marketing executive specializing in research and analytics. He has founded shopper insights practices at four Fortune 500 consumer goods companies, conducted research in over 20 countries worldwide, and pioneered many applications of advanced analytics techniques to assess marketing performance. He served on the advisory board for the University of Wisconsin A.C. Nielsen Center for Market Research for ten years as well as a trustee of the Marketing Science Institute.

## Sampling in Market Research

One of the most important questions to answer when designing research is, "What group(s) of people does the business need to understand to make an informed decision about the issue at hand?" In the language of sampling, these

people are the "target population." It is essential that the sample be representative of the target population, that is, a microcosm in terms of demographic, attitudinal, and behavioral characteristics. If the sample is not representative, conclusions from the research will be biased and any insights developed incorrect. In this course, you will learn the basic principles to apply when designing and drawing samples to represent your target audience. It teaches the basics of traditional probability sampling as well as the ins and outs of working with panels and other forms of online sampling.

#### Course Author: Keith Phillips - Senior Methodologist, Dynata



Keith is the Senior Methodologist in Dynata's Knowledge department. Keith's role at SSI includes conducting primary research projects, helping clients with the research issues they face on a day to day basis, training colleagues, and working to support company-wide sampling initiatives. Keith has presented webinars for the AMA, ARF, AAPOR, ESOMAR, GreenBook, and Quirk's. He has presented live at AAPOR, ARF Rethink, and ESOMAR Congress, among others.