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DESCRIPTION

Clearly organized, well-written, and user-friendly, Educational Research, provides a comprehensive look at quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-method approaches to research. Using concrete examples throughout, the book features a “Spotlight on Research” section, providing an extended look at three published articles per chapter.

The book has been created with a breadth and depth fitting a higher level course, yet is clear enough to accommodate students in advanced undergraduate classes. Set up in a modular format, this easy to read text can be followed in chronological order, or chapters can be used out of sequence to better serve your classroom needs. Rich in pedagogical features, Educational Research offers several elements that help the student to synthesize the main ideas of each chapter into the context of a real world researcher.

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