



Methods Paper Checklist

- Consult with the two faculty members you intend to service on your committee and have them approve your paper topic.
- Have your paper topic approved in advance by the Methodology field chair.
 - Complete the [Methods Paper Topic Approval Form](#).
- Write the paper
- Have the paper **accepted for presentation** at a conference focusing on social science methods or on a methodology panel of another professional conference. *Needs to be completed before your proposal defense*
 - Complete the [Methods Paper: Conference Acceptance Form](#).
- Defend the paper to a committee of two faculty, one of whom must be in the methods field. *Can happen after your proposal defense*
 - Contact the Graduate Studies Coordinator to coordinate defense
 - Complete the [Methods Paper: Defense Form](#)