

Instructional Exercises and Modules

There are a number of instructional exercises available on the Social Science Research and Instructional Council's [website](#). Exercises include problems (theoretical or statistical), one or more datasets, and steps on how to address the problems by analysis of the data. They can be used in several ways:

- You can use them from an instructor's station in a classroom or in a computer lab for a presentation or demonstration.
- You can provide links to them from your online syllabus for regular assignments or as independent and extra credit projects, with little or no modification.
- They can be downloaded in Microsoft Word format which you can then modify, distribute, or place on a local server. You have permission to modify them in whatever way you want.

Some of the exercises are primarily methods and statistics oriented while others are primarily content oriented. Here are the links to our current exercises.

Primarily Methods/Statistics-oriented

- [Critical Thinking](#)
- [Longitudinal Analysis](#)
- [Research Methods](#)
- [Statistics \(SPSS version\)](#)
- [Statistics \(PSPP version\)](#)
- [Statistics \(SDA version\)](#)

Primarily Content-oriented

- [Abortion](#)
- [Confidence in Societal Institutions and Spending Priorities](#)
- [Economic Data for California Counties](#)
- [Economic Data for California Metropolitan Statistical Areas](#)
- [Economic Data for Countries](#)
- [Gender Differences](#)
- [Gun Control](#)
- [Religion](#)
- [Tolerance](#)

There are also several modules available on our website. Modules contain a theoretical perspective and background on an important social science topic, a discussion of methods used to research the topic, and a set of exercises (with a data set) to teach analytic techniques for arriving at scientifically valid conclusions about the topic using SPSS or other statistical packages. Here's are the links to our current modules.

- [SPSS: Interactive Introduction to SPSS Statistical Software \(Updated August 2007\)](#)
- [MACR: Macroeconomics \(Updated August 1998\)](#)
- [REPR: Representation in California's State Legislature \(Updated August 2008\)](#)
- [SCCS: The Standard Cross-Cultural Sample \(1997\)](#)
- [SISS: Public Opinion on Social Issues \(Updated August 2011\)](#)