

Directions for Downloading Data from ICPSR

- Connect to ICPSR's website: www.icpsr.umich.edu
- You will see a button labeled "search" on the right side of the screen (see Appendix A for an example). The two boxes under "search" will be used for requesting the data.
- Use the right box to select the method of requesting your data, e.g., study number or study title.
- Use the left box under "search" to enter the information relevant for your method of data request. For example, if you select "study no." as a method of data request, you should enter the number of the study in the left box.
- Click on "search."
- You will see a list of data relevant to your search (see Appendix B for an example). Most often, the one you request is on the top of the list. If not, you can scroll down the menu to find the study you need or renew your search from the beginning.
- Click on the link labeled "downloads."
- You will be asked to provide your email address in order to access the information (see Appendix C for an example). Enter your Loyola email address, such as chsiao@loyola.edu.
- A screen will appear listing all the files available for download (see Appendix D for an example). For each data set needed (some studies may have data in multiple files) the following three files should be downloaded:
 - Codebook (pdf file)
 - Data file
 - SPSS data definition statements
- You can download the compressed files one at a time or save all the files for download.
- You must save all the files of a study to one directory and specify the name of the directory using the study name.
- At the end you must create a read-me file with information of the files you downloaded.