

FIGURE 2.13 Steps for Managing the Research Process

Sample Timeline

Week 1	Begin generating ideas
Week 2	Begin to consult the literature; access/order articles and books
Week 3	Settle on an idea and refine it; continue accessing/ordering articles and books; determine your research approach (i.e., correlational vs. experimental)
Week 4	Locate and obtain measures; develop questionnaire either online (e.g., Survey Monkey® or Qualtrics®) or paper version; generate IRB proposal (which includes the full survey with all the measures that will be used in the study; begin draft of Introduction)
Week 5	Submit IRB proposal; continue writing Introduction; write References
Week 6	Receive approval of IRB proposal; revise and resubmit to IRB if necessary
Week 7	Collect data
Week 8	Finish collecting data; write Method section (in past tense)
Week 9	Score, enter, or download data; analyze data
Week 10	Write Results section and begin Discussion
Week 11	Finish Discussion section and produce a draft
Week 12	Submit draft (if professor agrees)
Week 13	Receive draft comments, revise, and submit final paper; present research to peers (e.g., PowerPoint)