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28508 - Social research methods and techniques

Syllabus Information

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Subject: 28508 - Social research methods and techniques

Faculty / School: 108 - Facultad de Ciencias Sociales y del Trabajo

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Subject Type: Compulsory

Module:

1. General information

2. Learning goals

3. Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

4. Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

4.1. Methodological overview

The learning process designed for this course is based on the following:

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SOCIOLOGY

The learning process is active, the student is the protagonist. This is the main methodological principle on which we rely. The teacher must have elements to facilitate learning, including those provided through the course that is created in the ADD, such as ads and emails through this tool. The detailed programming of the learning activities can be carried out taking into account the framework in which the duration of each group is developed: calendar, classrooms, schedules, groups, number of students per group, teaching load of the teacher, etc.

STATISTICAL METHODS DEPARTMENT

The methodology followed in this course is oriented towards achievement of the learning objectives. A wide range of teaching and learning tasks are implemented, such as lectures, practice sessions, voluntary activities and tutorials.

The documentation and material needed for the lectures and the practice sessions, theory notes with solved examples and proposed problems, and all the associated information will be posted on Moodle; please check it regularly.

4.2. Learning tasks

The program offered to the student to help him achieve the expected results includes the following activities...

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The program will be developed through different teaching activities.

Type 1 teaching activities will basically consist of expository classes with the group as a whole, where will expose and work the theoretical fundamentals of the subject basically through readings that will be the content to learn and to understand.

The faculty will expose the most relevant concepts of each subject, according to the readings indicated. The students should read in advance the specified material, extracting the fundamental concepts, noting doubts, ... In addition, they must complete the information on the topics that are exposed in the classroom, according to the Compulsory readings

Type 2 teaching activities will involve a more practical approach to the subject, through exchanges of ideas, debates, problems, cases, individual and / or group work ... on real research materials. They will carry out on the dates indicated and in the established groups of agreement the schedules that the decanal team elaborates.

Each of them can contain both individual and group work.

Finally, in the Type 6 activity, the design of the questionnaire will be used as the main element of the survey, or the discussion guide in the interview, participant observation ... Students who wish may design in group a questionnaire, guide or observation must attend a specific number of tutorial sessions, after which will present a work, which will include the finalized design. Jobs that have not been tutored will not be accepted.

In accordance with article 30 of the Learning Standards Regulations, the use of any practice irregularity (including the textual copy of questions from other questionnaires) in the realization of this work will suppose a Thriller rating.

The autonomous work that must be developed will consist of:

- ? The collection and selection of relevant material.
- ? Reading and study of material.
- ? The preparation of the evaluation test.
- ? Preparation of written work.
- ? Prior preparation and subsequent work after attending various teaching activities.
- ? Preparation of seminars, readings, assignments, practical exercises ...

This autonomous work implies a dedication of about 5 hours a week during the weeks of teaching in the area of Sociology. Teaching activities Student hours:

Type 1 Magisterial class	15
Type 2 Problems and cases	7,5
Type 6 Practical work	7,5
Type 7 Self-employment student	40
Type 8 Overcoming of test	5
Total	75

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Lectures: They consist on the 50% of the sessions. The professors will present the main contents of the course and try to motivate participation and discussion in the classroom. Slides will be employed in these sessions to help the students to understand the topics. It is recommended to attend the lectures and make notes to complement and clarify the slides.

Practice sessions: They consist on the 50% of the sessions. In these sessions, the students will learn how to manage and solve practical problems. Before each practical session, the students will have at their disposal the set of problems that will be solved. The session is intended to be participative and to encourage the students to discuss and come to an agreement on both the analysis of the problem and its solution.

Voluntary activities: students could undertake voluntary tasks related to the different lessons of the course if they wish to do so. These activities will be suggested by the teacher.

Final test: According to the calendar established by the Faculty, during the exam period, the student will take a global test that will consist of solving problems in which the competences and skills acquired will be evaluated.

4.3. Syllabus

BLOCK 1: SOCIAL RESEARCH TECHNIQUES (RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SOCIOLOGY AREA) PROGRAM

- Topic 1. Introduction. Research in Sociology of Labor Relations. Types of research. He Investigation process.
- Topic 2. Main quantitative techniques of data collection. The survey and the questionnaire.
- Topic 3. Main qualitative techniques of data collection. The group techniques. THE discussion group. The interview.
- Topic 4. Other techniques.

BLOCK 2: STATISTICS (STATISTICAL METHODS DEPARTMENT)

Lesson 1: Introduction to Statistics: Statistical methods in social sciences, population and sample, types of characteristics and scales of measurement.

DESCRIBING UNIVARIATE DATA:

Lesson 2: Tables of frequency distributions.

Lesson 3: Graphic Presentations.

Lesson 4: Numerical Measures. Measures of central tendency.

Lesson 5: Measures of dispersion. Standard scores. Box plot.

Lesson 6: Measures of shape: skewness and kurtosis.

Lesson 7: Main social statistics and indicators related to the labour market.

4.4. Course planning and calendar

Calendar of face-to-face sessions and presentation of works
SOCIOLOGY

The detailed programming of the learning activities will be provided at the beginning of the teaching period, according to the principles already explained, adapting to the calendar and schedules.

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Further information concerning the timetable, classroom, tutoring hours, assessment dates and other details regarding this course will be provided on the first day of class, or please refer to the Faculty of Ciencias Sociales y del Trabajo website and Moodle.

