

31221 - Psychology of Groups

Syllabus Information

Academic year: 2024/25

Subject: 31221 - Psychology of Groups

Faculty / School: 301 - Facultad de Ciencias Sociales y Humanas

Degree: 613 - Degree in Psychology

ECTS: 6.0

Year: 3

Semester: First semester

Subject type: Compulsory

Module:

1. General information

The subject aims at the theoretical knowledge of group reality and the practical application of scientific evidence to group interventions. It is part of the block of compulsory subjects in the field of Social Psychology, that aim for students to be ultimately trained to carry out interventions in the psychosocial field, of which groups are obviously a part.

Goals:

- To assimilate the processes of group formation and development, as well as the group structure.
- To understand the factors and characteristics of the group environment that influence the group.
- To analyse the processes that influence group productivity and group decision making.

2. Learning results

1. To know the different theoretical models of group psychology.
2. To critically appraise their contributions and limitations.
3. To identify and understand the factors and characteristics of the group environment that influence groups.
4. To describe and understand the concept and structure of a group and its most important types.
5. To understand and explain the phenomena and processes that can occur within a group, as well as the contextual factors that influence them.
6. To understand and apply group dynamics.
7. To work as part of a team and collaborate effectively with other colleagues.
8. To obtain information effectively from specialized books and journals, and other documentation.
9. To convey information and ideas through written reports and/or presentations.

3. Syllabus

The program of the subject will consist of the following blocks:

Block I. Introduction to group psychology and the group concept.

Block II. Training and group development.

Block III. Environment and group structure.

Block IV. Performance, decision making and group dilemmas.

4. Academic activities

The course has a basic orientation, so that the proposed activities are focused on the understanding and assimilation of the main fundamentals of group psychology.

- Lectures: 30 hours (T1, 1.2 ECTS). Theoretical sessions in which the contents of the subject will be explained.
- Practical sessions: 30 hours (T2, 1,2 ECTS)

- Autonomous work/study: 24 hours (T6, 0,9 ECTS) + 60 hours (T7, 2,4 ECTS) = 84 hours (3,3, ECTS) Assessment tests. 6 hours (T8, 0,24 ECTS)

The subject requires a dedication of 150 hours (6 ECTS).

5. Assessment system

It will consist of:

1. **Theoretical test:** it will contain multiple-choice questions with three answer alternatives and only one correct answer.

For the correction, the formula Right answers - (Errors/2) will be used. The test will be graded from 0 to 10 and will account for 65% of the final grade.

2. **Practical part:** Students may choose to take the continuous evaluation system for the practical part, or to take a final exam. It will account for 35% of the final grade.

To benefit from the continuous evaluation of the practical part, students must regularly attend the practical sessions (at the beginning of the term the percentage of attendance required to benefit from this evaluation system will be specified), deliver/participate/respond to the different individual and/or group tasks set, and pass them before the date of the official call for exams. Activities include, among others, group dynamics, the completion of reports, questionnaires on the practical sessions and discussion on a topic of particular interest. Active participation in the activities will be contemplated. If the student does not pass this part of the subject with the proposed activities, or if they is unable to attend the practices on a regular basis, they will have to take a final test of practices on the date of the official call for exams.

It is necessary to pass both parts (theory and practice) in order to obtain the final grade. If one of the parts is passed in the first call and the other is not, the grade of the passed part will be kept for the second call.

Any form of cheating or plagiarism, whether total or partial, in any assessment will result in a failing grade for the course and disciplinary actions by the quality assurance committee.

6. Sustainable Development Goals

- 3 - Good Health & Well-Being
- 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth
- 13 - Climate Action