

Course Title : Research Methods and Academic Writing

Code	Course Type	Regular Semester	Lecture (hours/week)	Seminar (hours/week)	Lab (hours/week)	Credits	ECTS
COM 305	A	5	3	0	0	3.00	5
Lecturer and Office Hours			Klodian Shehi, PhD Candidate				
Teaching Assistant and Office Hours							
Language			Albanian				
Course Level			Bachelor				
Description			<p>Methods of Research & Academic Writing actually asserts that by this definition means an articulate theory, operational concepts which are used to learn knowledge that are a function of problem solving, building and defining concepts for development strategy, strategic planning, effective management. Methods of Research and Academic Writing help prepare a good paper, you can apply both to regain confidence in the usefulness and value as pipelines of progress during the study, to understand not just as data collection, but as a critical processing an experience, aptitude profit (valid for the future) to detect problems, to handle them methodically them and submitted them under some certain communication modes. This lecture course is intended to explain how to perform a study that relies on the proper method, providing critical - theoretical contribution about the usefulness of the analytical studies foolish, but the guide will help on the way how to work a specific paper. In short, the program contains sufficient amount of theoretical material, to give them practical importance, by which creates a stable foundation to build intellectually.</p>				
Objectives			<p>□ To get knowledge on advanced methods of scientific research □ Adopt operational concepts to promote the acquisition of knowledge dealing with design skills as a modern preparation, without which it is difficult to align the students in terms of understanding, interpretation, the independence and the exit from the circle vicious time. □ To reach students applying instruments methodological, theoretical reviews allow passing on concrete actions in research, observations and professional jobs compositions, as a step to access the inside of the science. □ Bachelor Course lectures enables original action, independent of communication with past values and ideas of drawing useful performance for the holistic development of culture as a precondition of all other developments.</p>				

Course Outline

Week	Topics
1	What is the scientific research? Characteristics of scientific research. Quality in scientific research.
2	Knowledge, paradigms theories and perspectives. The nature of the subject of scientific research in the social sciences.
3	The nature of the information. Characteristics of information. Using information as representation of social reality.
4	Scientific research's questions, hypotheses, operational definitions of scientific research.
5	Planning of a research project. Definition, practical aspects.
6	The critical assessment of literature. Literature search. Practical aspects of the literature review. The process of reviewing the literature.
7	Research models. Qualitative and quantitative model. The level and scientific research unit. Scientific research's strategies.
8	Midterm Exam
9	Collection of informations. Questionnaires, semi-structured interviews.
10	The focus groups. Survey. Secondary sources of the information.
11	The analysis of information. Analysis features. Statistical analysis.

12	Thematic analysis. Working with qualitative information. Analysis of narratives. Analysis of discourse. Content analysis.		
13	Academic Writing, the writing process. Scope and characteristics of usage.		
14	The planning and the structure of academic writing. The method of writing.		
15	The system of references. The plagiarism.		
16	Final Exam		
Prerequisites			
Textbook		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Matthews, Liz Ross (CDE 2010). Metodat e Hulumtimit - Udhëzues Praktik për shkencat sociale dhe humane • Sylvian Barnet, Pat Bellanca, Marcia Stubbs (Dita 2000) Shkrimi Akademik • Aleksandër Kocani (2009): Metodat e kërkimit sasior në shkencat sociale, Tiranë 	
Other References		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schutt, Russell K. (1999) Investigating the Social World: The Process and Practice of Research. Second Edition. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press. 	
Laboratory Work			
Computer Usage			
Other			
Learning Outcomes and Competences			
1	To know the student with the basic rules of the art of writing		
2	The student must carry papers with high scientific level (essays, course assignments, work majors)		
3	Encourage critical thinking by appearing in a criminal act of empathy and understanding of its		
Course Evaluation Methods			
In-term studies		Quantity	Percentage
Midterms		1	50
Quizzes		0	0
Projects		0	0
Term Projects		0	0
Laboratory		0	0
Attendance		0	0
Contribution of in-term studies to overall grade			50
Contribution of final examination to overall grade			50
Total			100
ECTS (Allocated Based on Student) Workload			
Activities	Quantity	Duration (hours)	Total Workload (hours)
Course Duration (Including the exam week : 16 x Total course hours)	16	3	48
Hours for off-the-classroom study (Pre-study, practice)	14	4	56
Assignments	0	0	0
Midterms	1	10	10
Final examination	1	11	11
Other	0	0	0

Total Work Load	125
Total Work Load / 25 (hours)	5
ECTS	5